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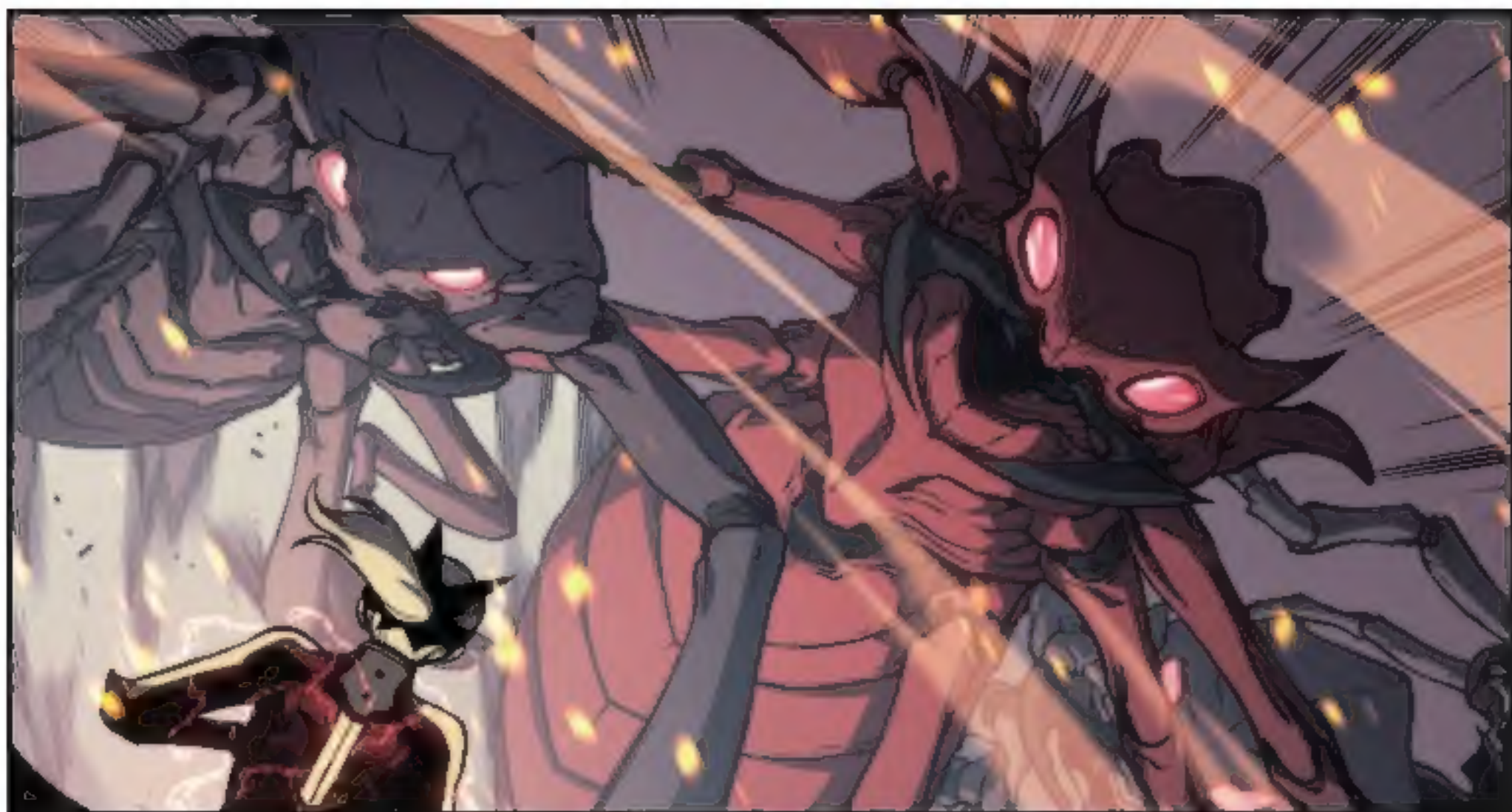
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THE HUNTERS
ARE ON TV, DEAR.
AREN'T YOU GOING
TO WATCH?

DON'T
CARE.



DON'T BE
LIKE THAT...THE
PEOPLE ON TV SAID
THERE'S A REALLY GOOD
CHANCE OF DEFEATING
THE ANTS THIS
TIME.

HMPH. THOSE
IDIOTS ALWAYS SAY
THE SAME THING.
I SAID I DON'T
CARE.



THEY'RE GOING
TO AVENGE OUR
ONLY CHILD!

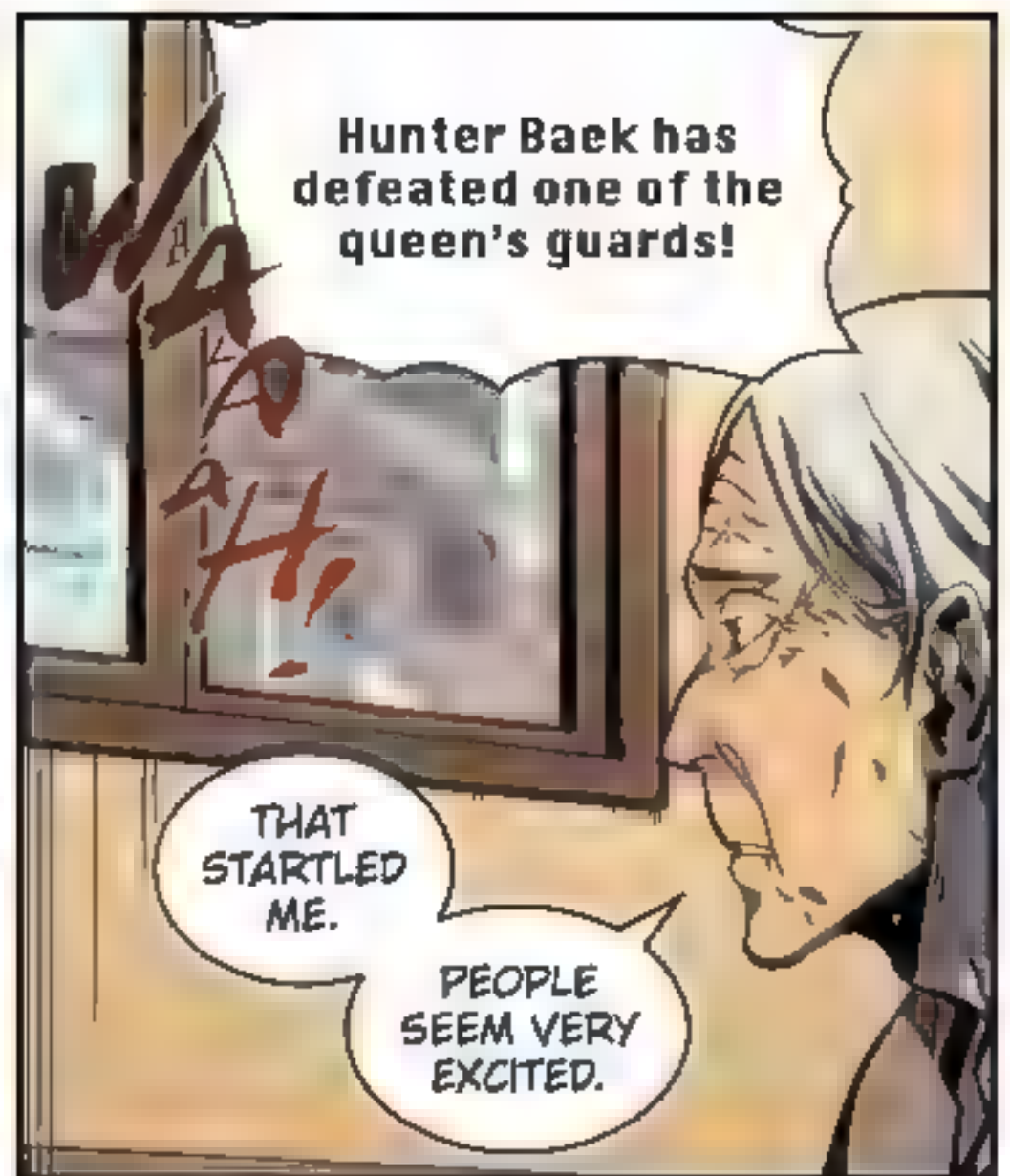
YOU NEED TO
WATCH THIS EVEN
IF IT BREAKS
YOUR HEART!

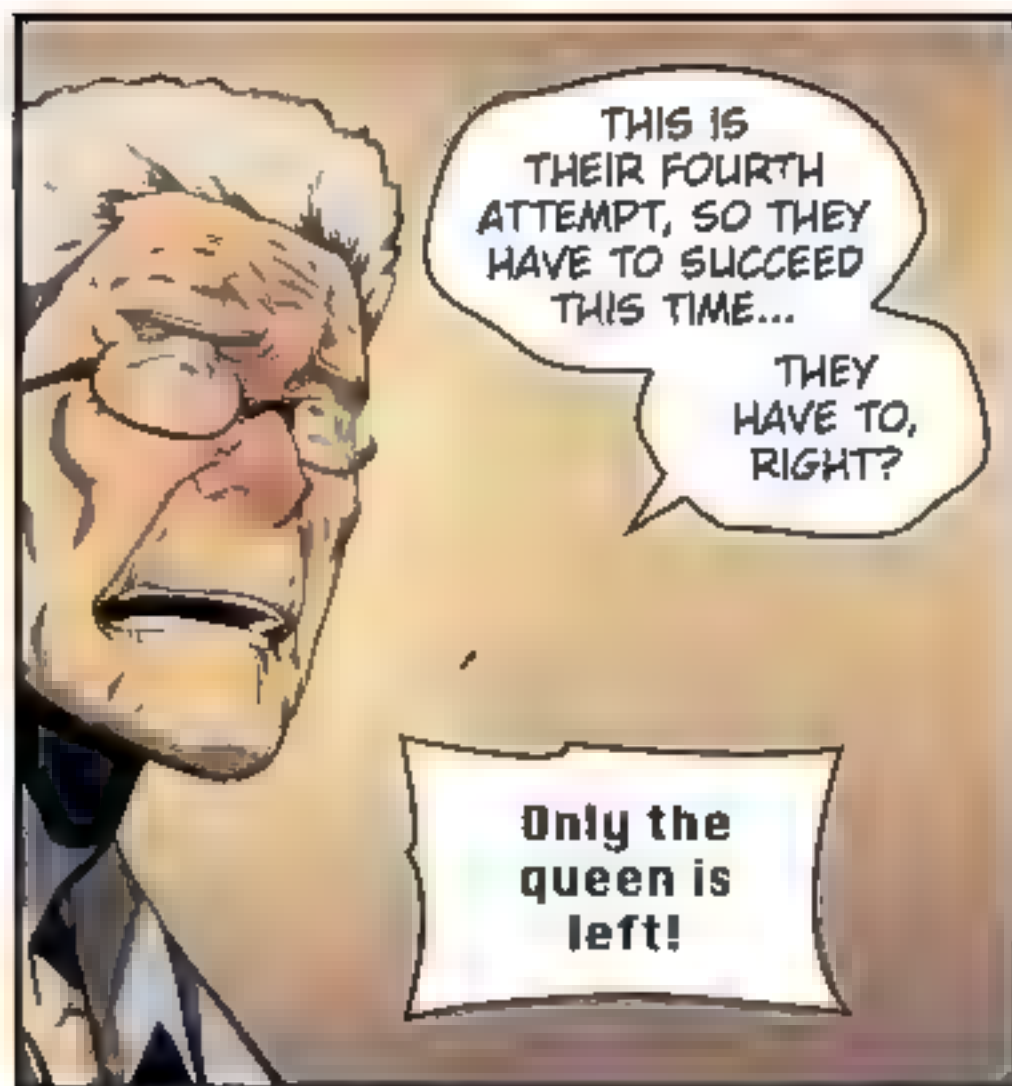
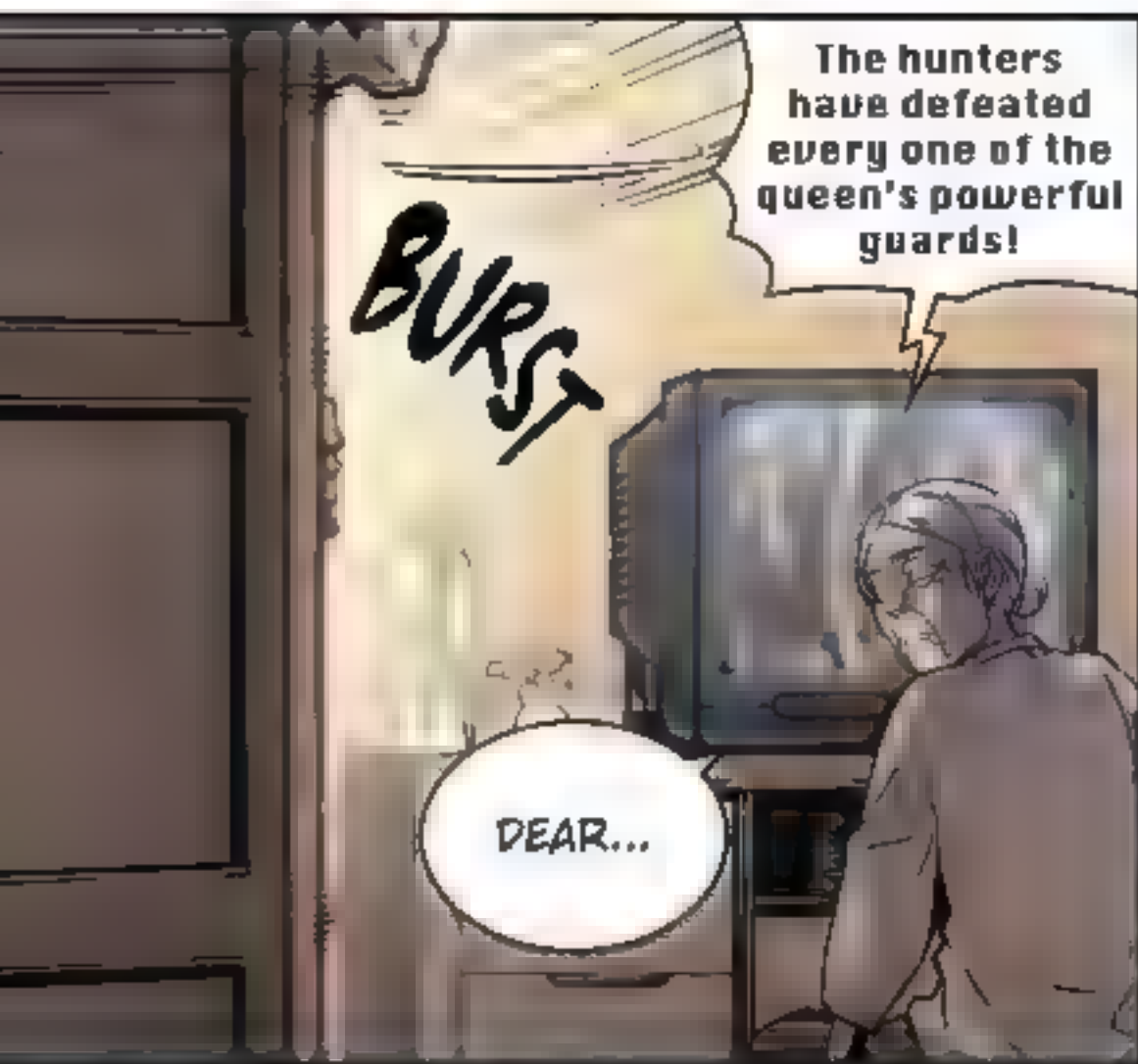
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DAMN
STUBBORN
OLD MAN.

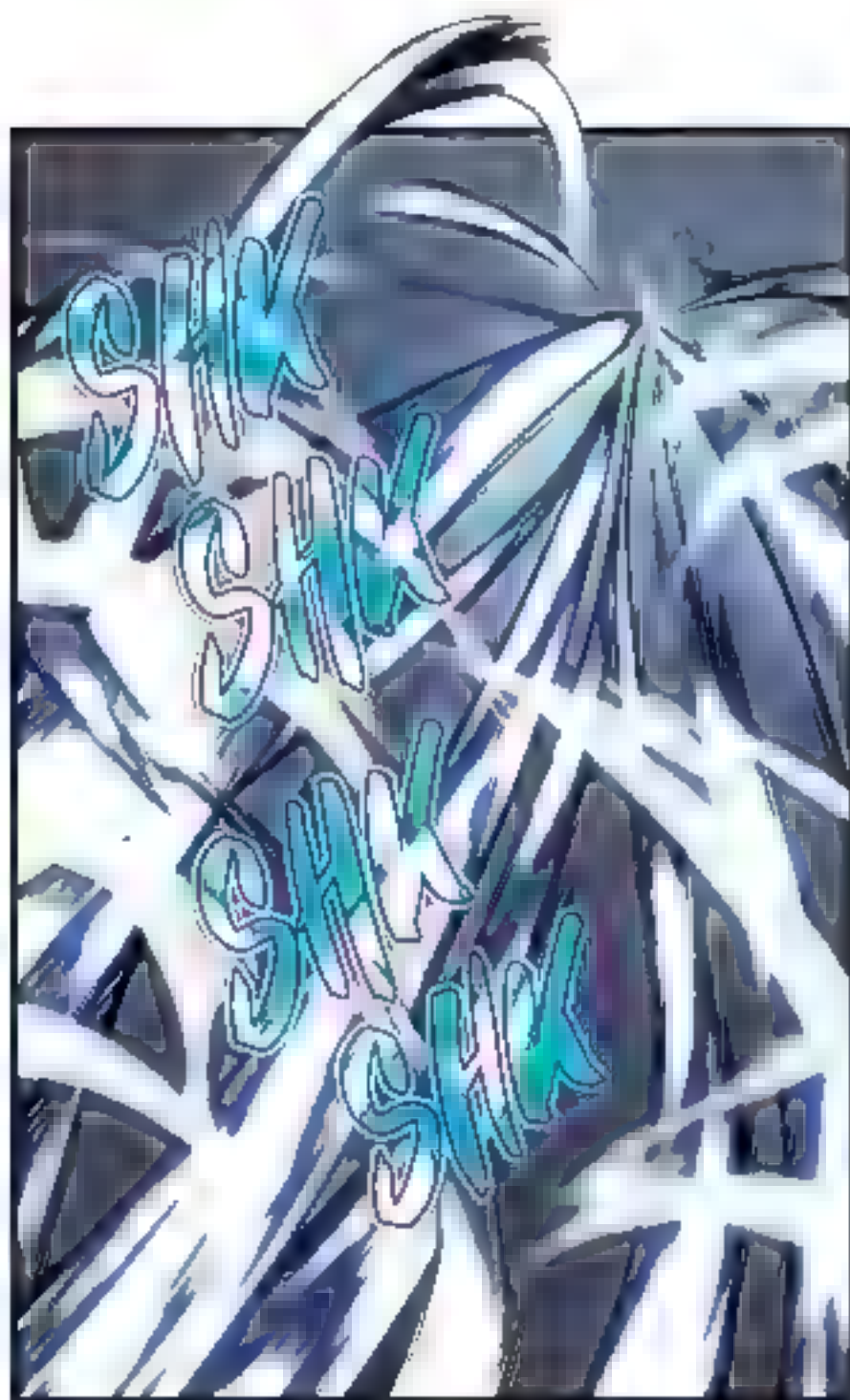
The hunters,
the pride of
Korea, have taken
the first steps
to confront the
queen ant.





The United States,
China, Russia, and
France! South Korea
is about to be added
to the list of countries
that have cleared an
S-rank dungeon!

KEEP
GOING!



SKREEE!!

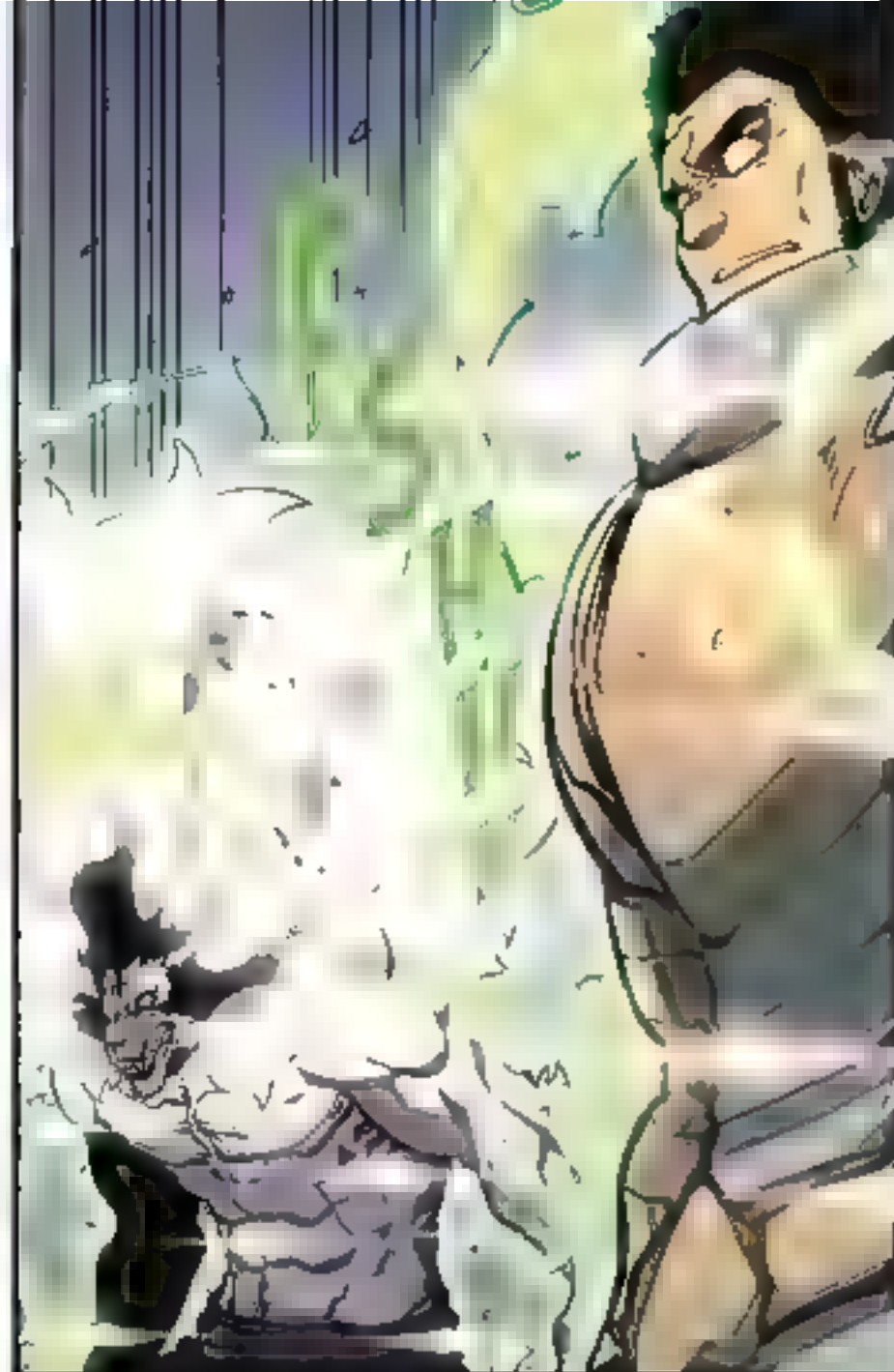
DON'T BE
AFRAID! A QUEEN
WITHOUT A
GUARD IS LITTLE
MORE THAN A
SCARECROW!

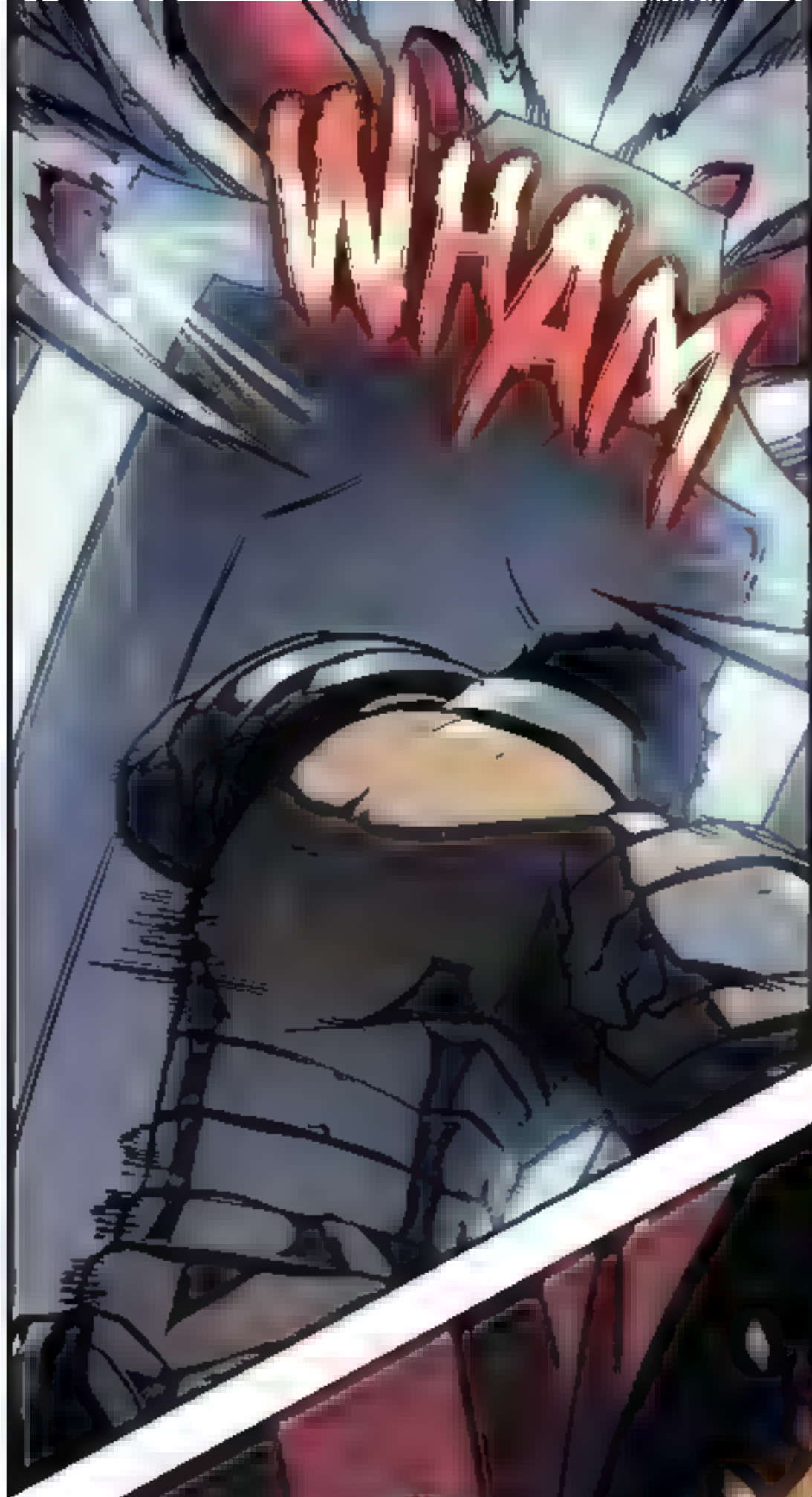




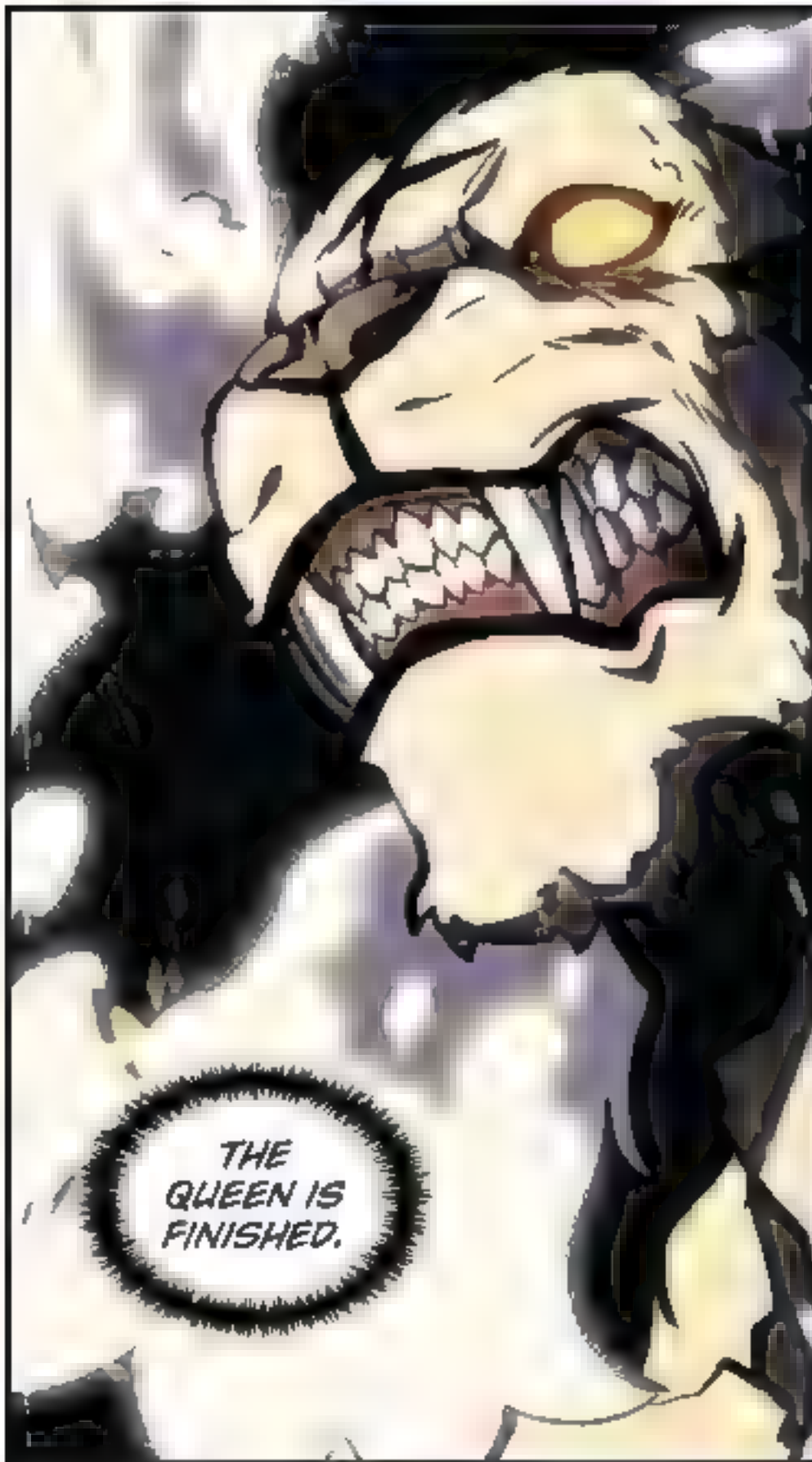
RAAAAH!!











THE
QUEEN IS
FINISHED.



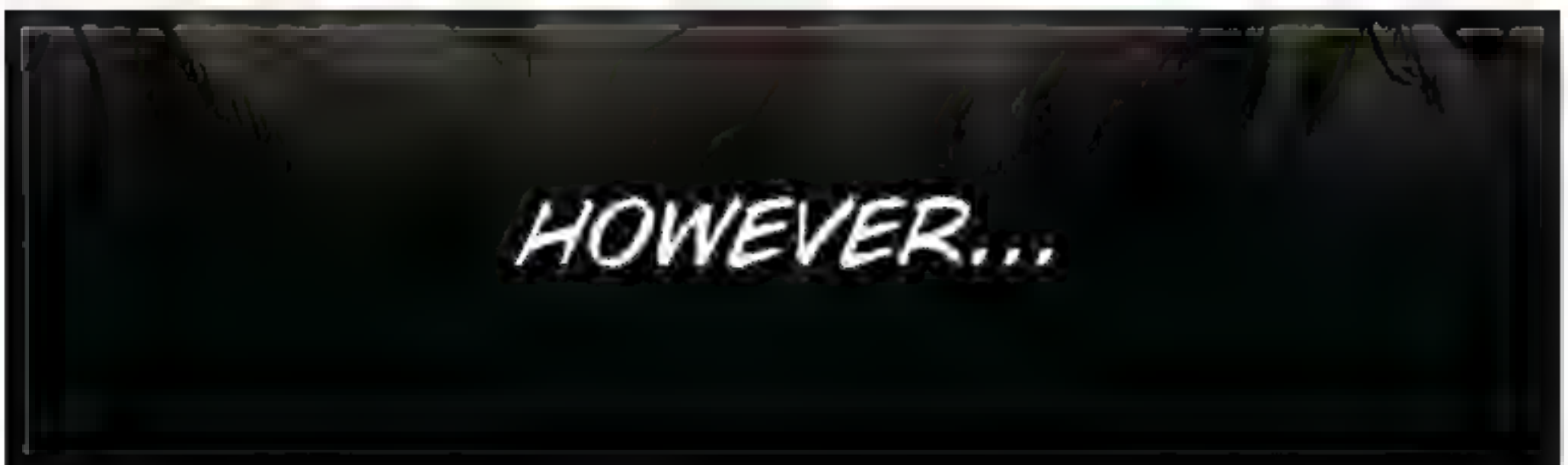
SKREE!

BASED ON
MY YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE,
IT SEEMED
INEVITABLE.

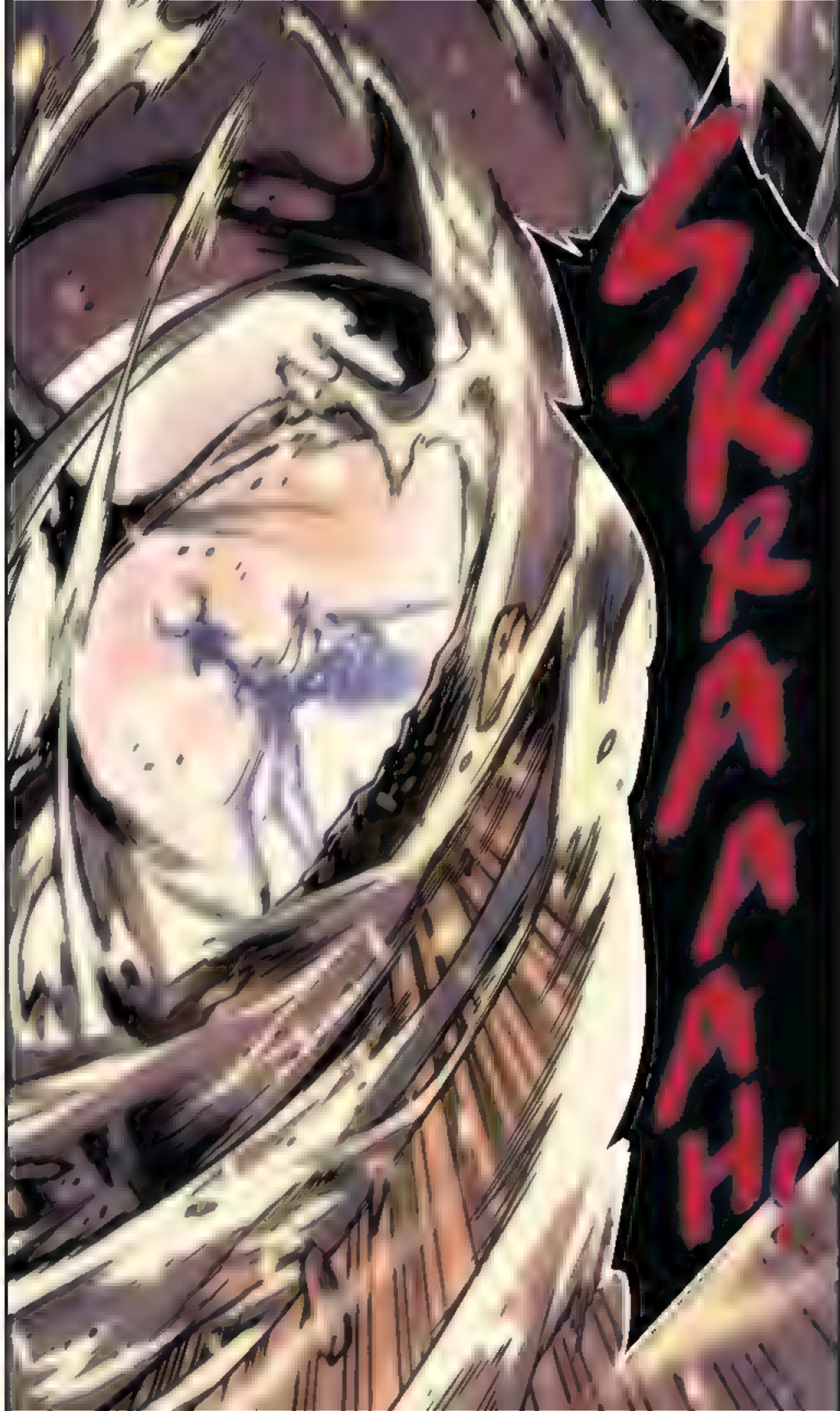


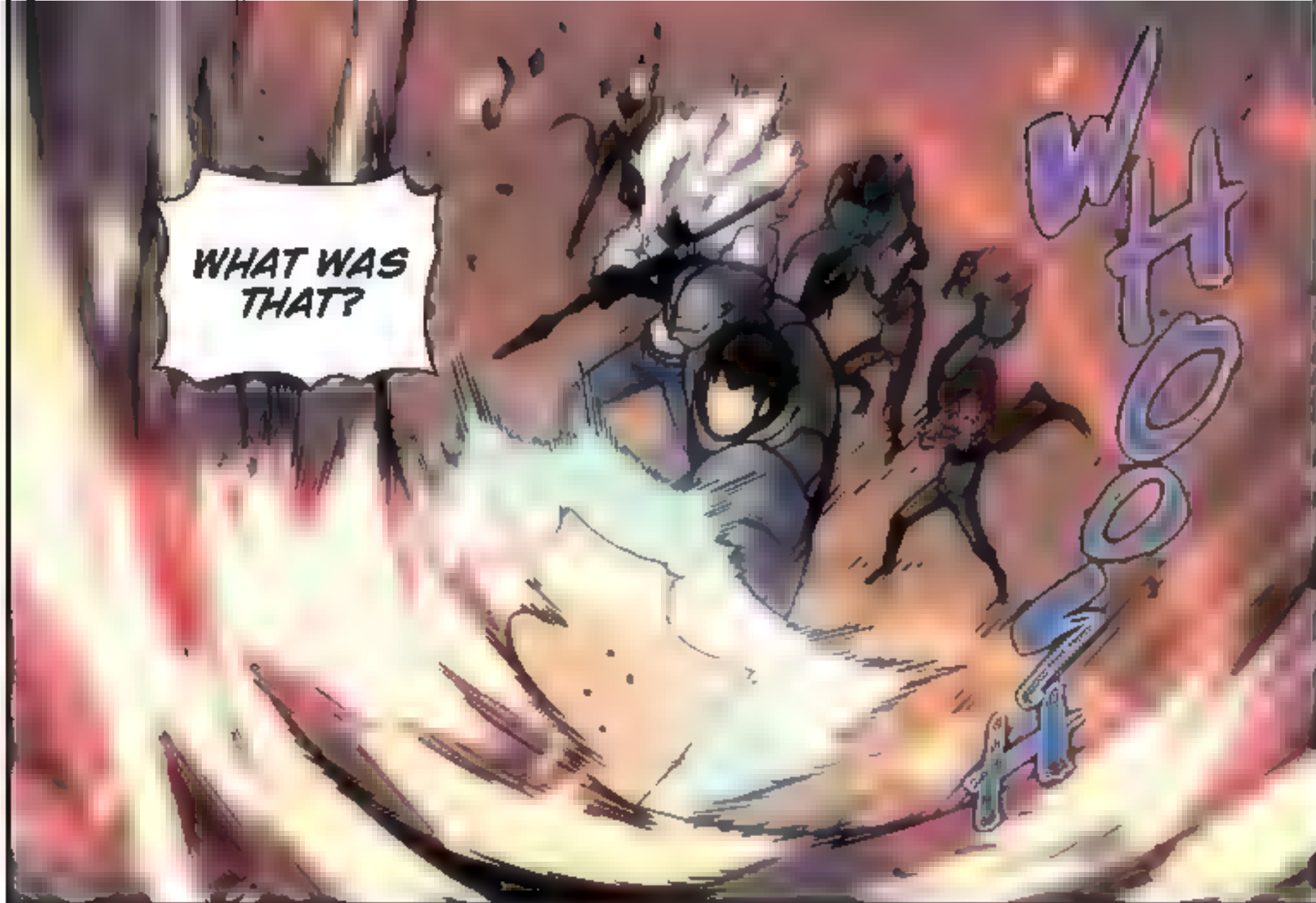
THE QUEEN
WAS ABOUT
TO DIE...

...AND VICTORY
WAS CLEARLY
IN SIGHT.



HOWEVER...



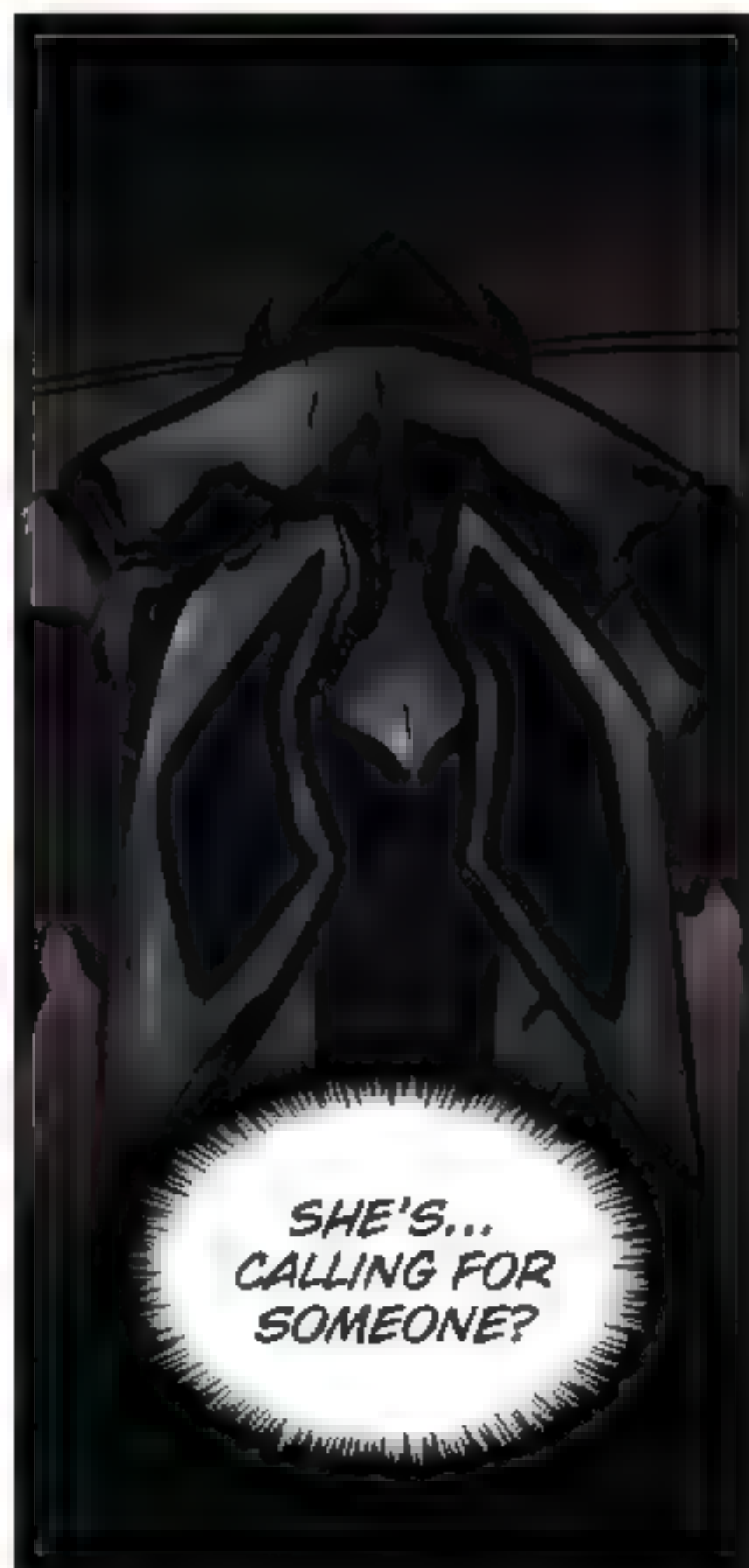


WHAT WAS
THAT?



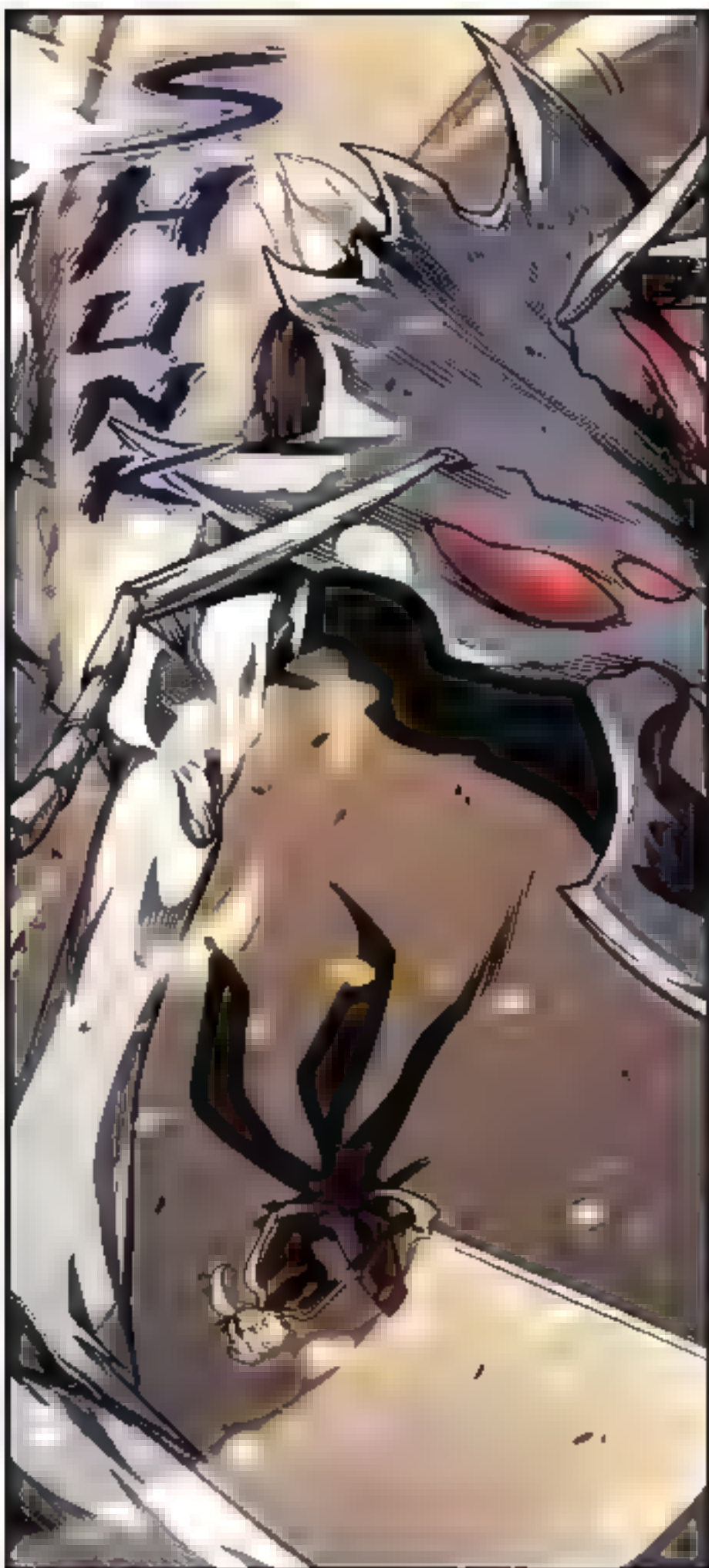
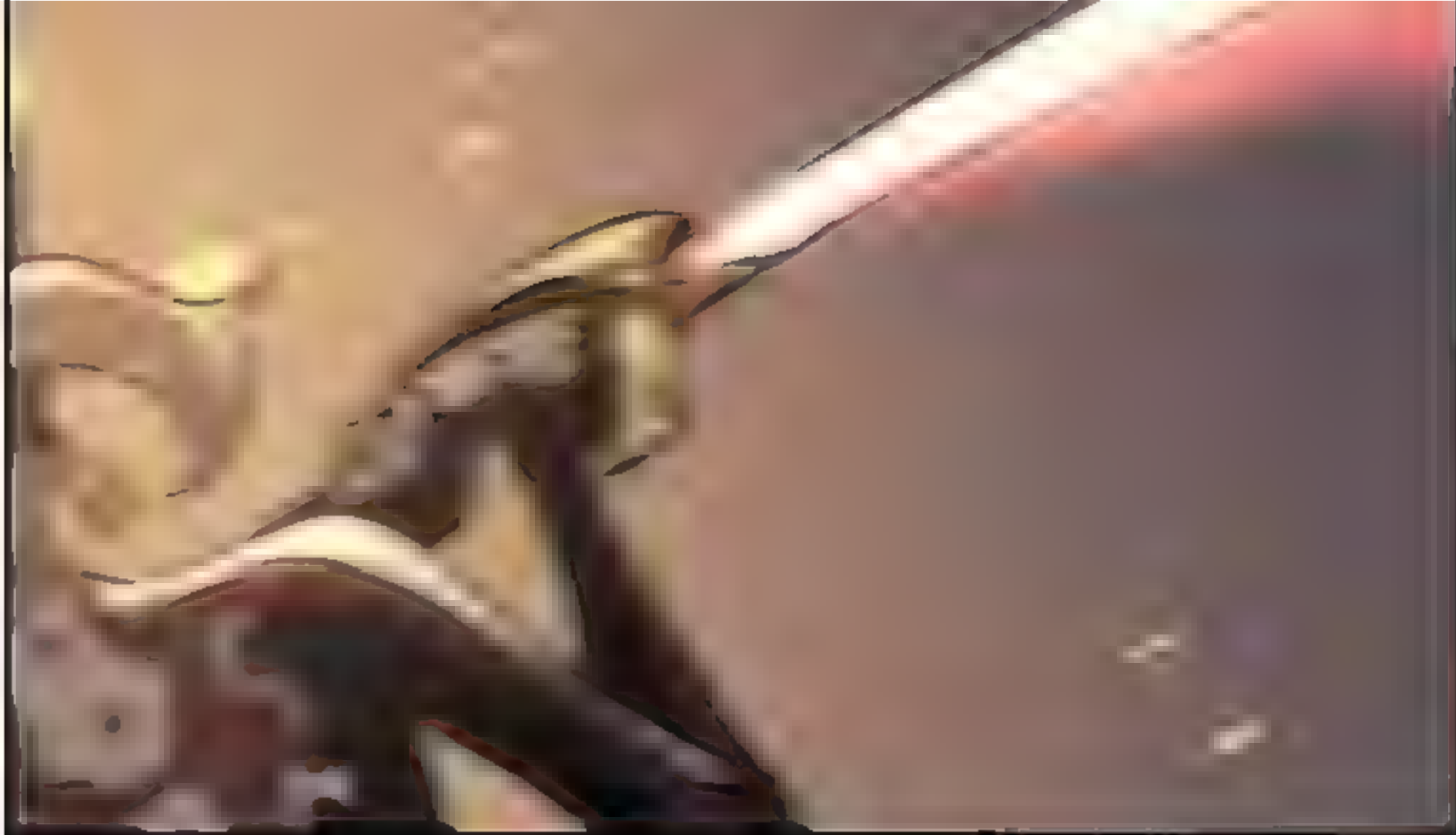
A ROAR? A
FINAL CRY?

NO, IT
SOUNDED
DIFFERENT.

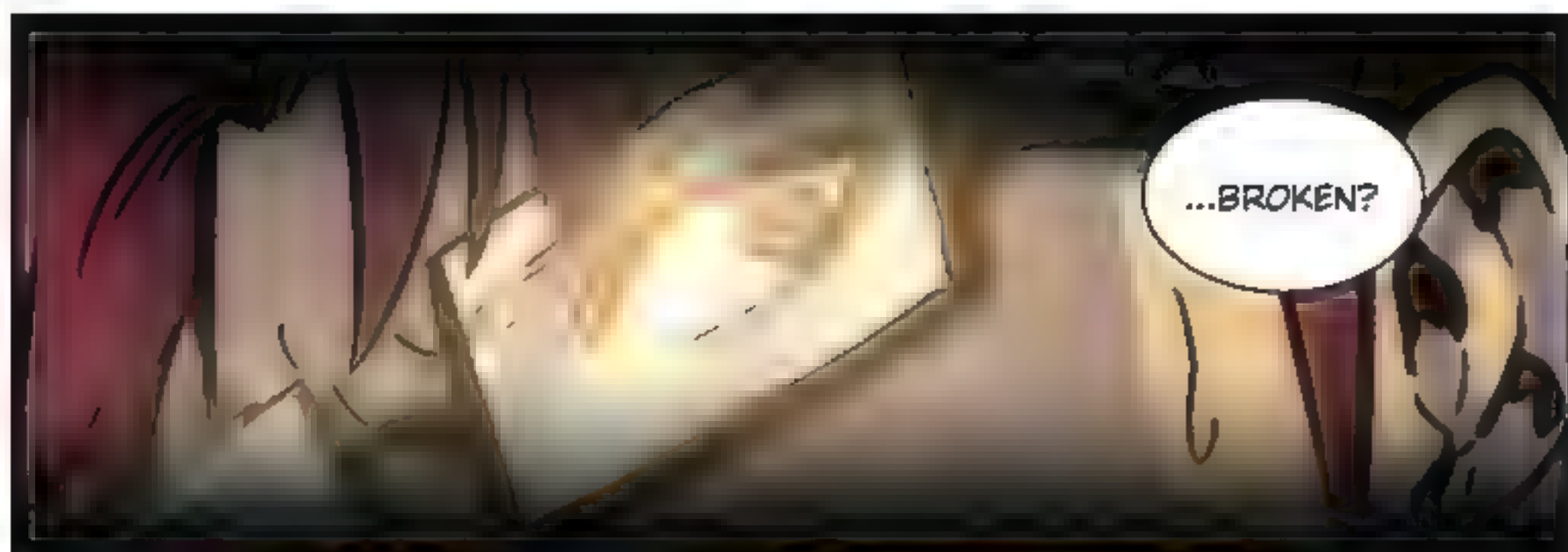
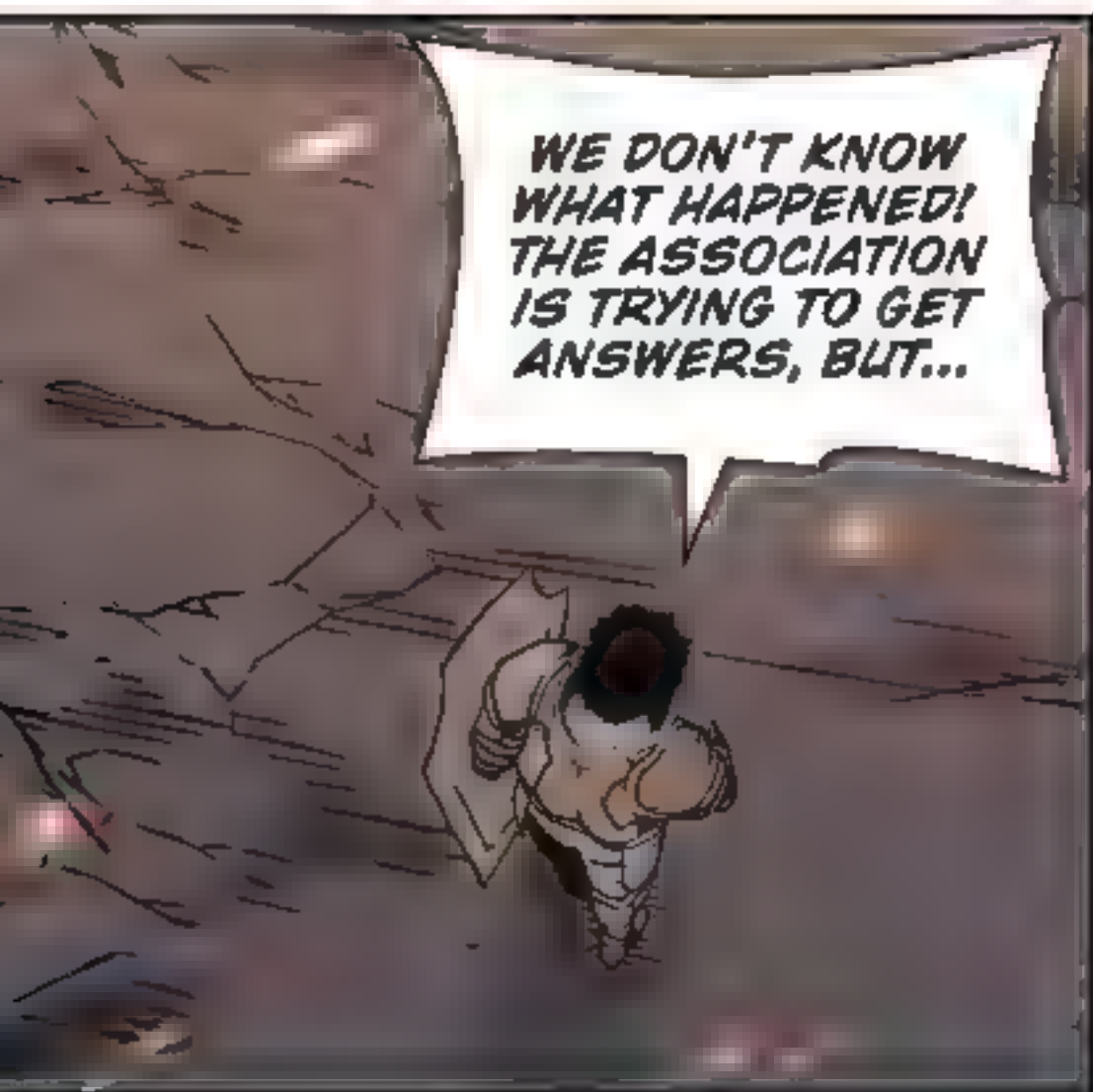


SHE'S...
CALLING FOR
SOMEONE?

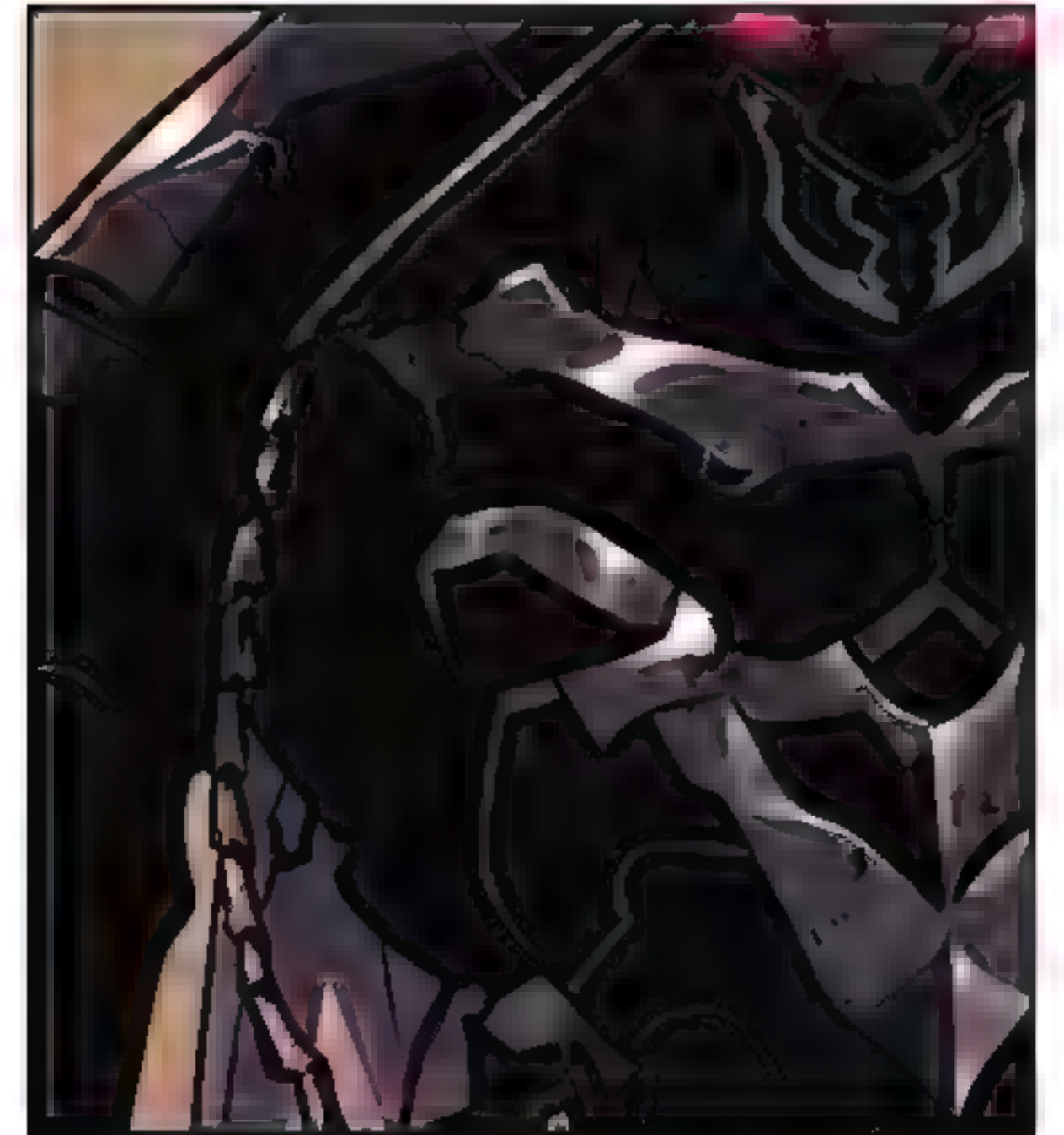
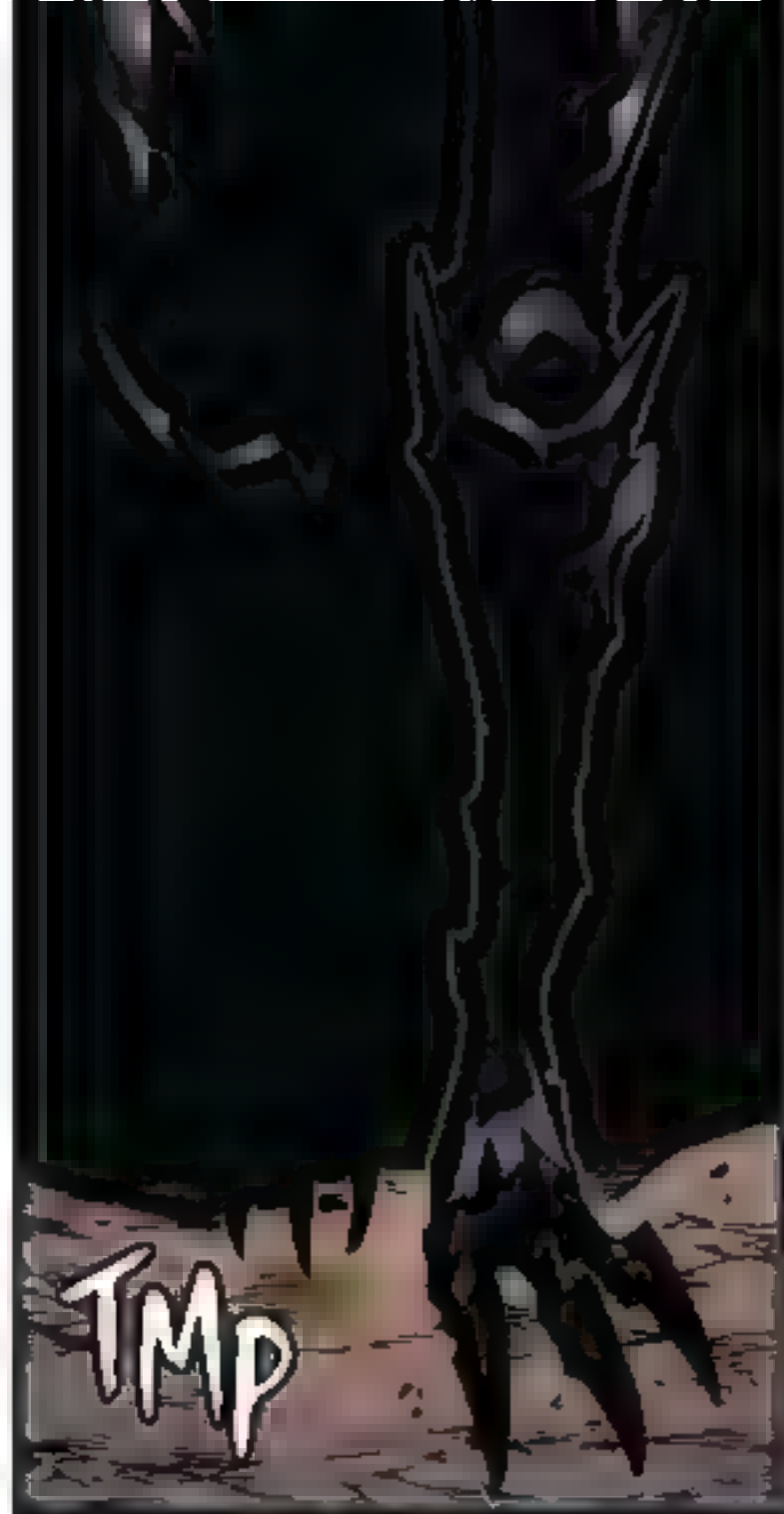










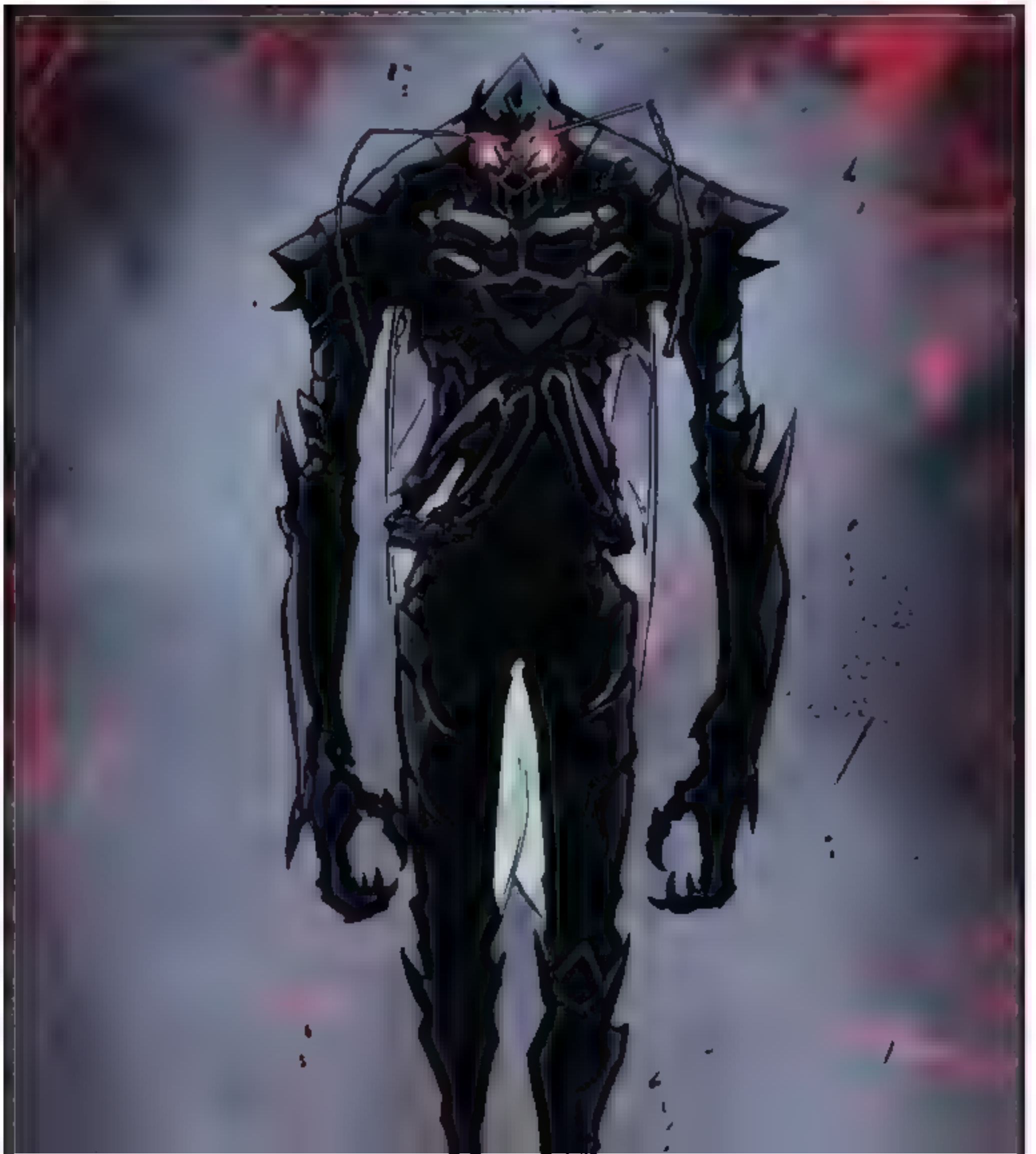




WHAT...

...THE...?

A SINGLE MAGIC BEAST
POSSESSES ALL THIS POWER...?





THIS
HORRIFYING
INTENSITY...

IT
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE!



THIS...ISN'T
ANY ORDINARY
MAGIC BEAST!

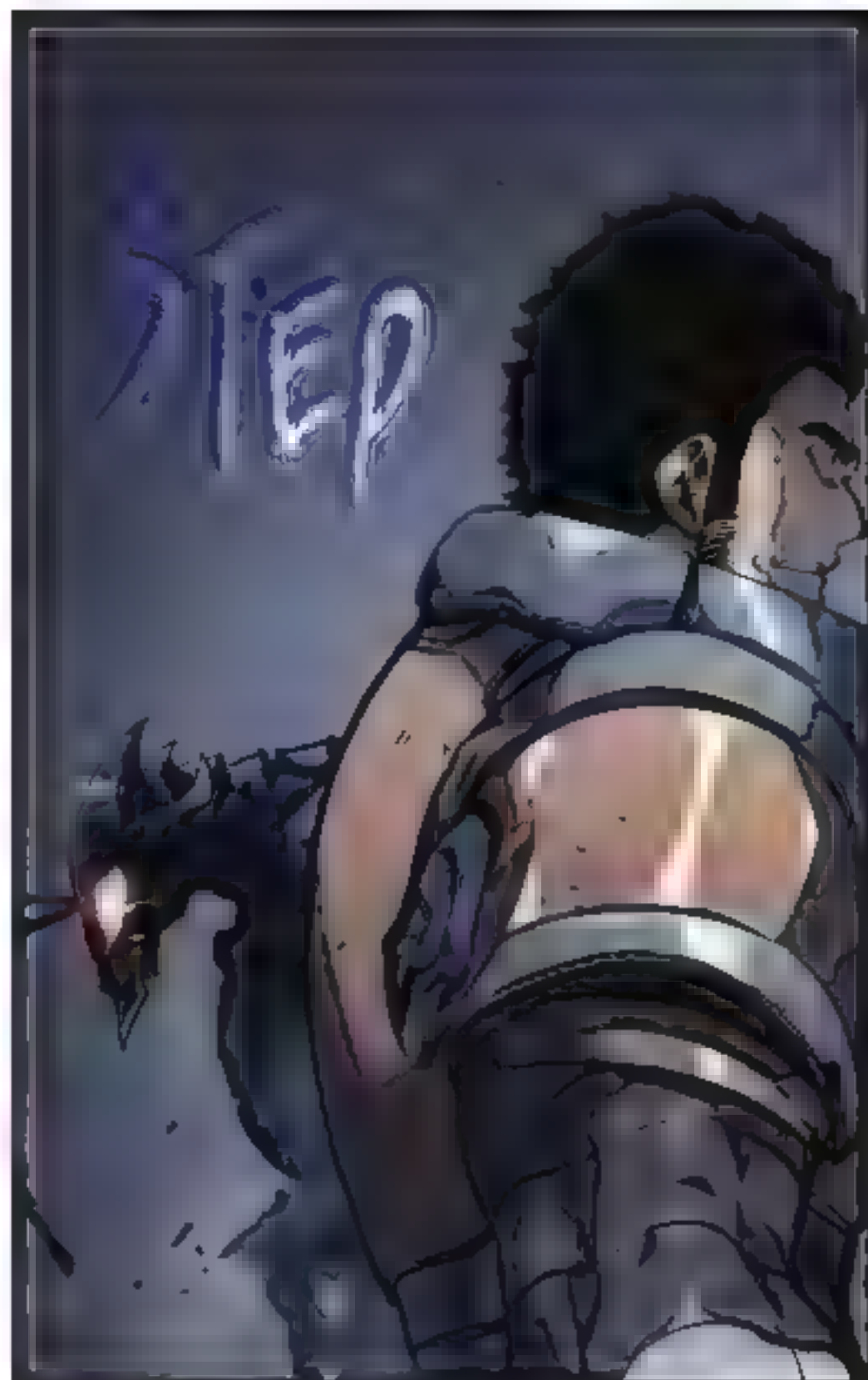


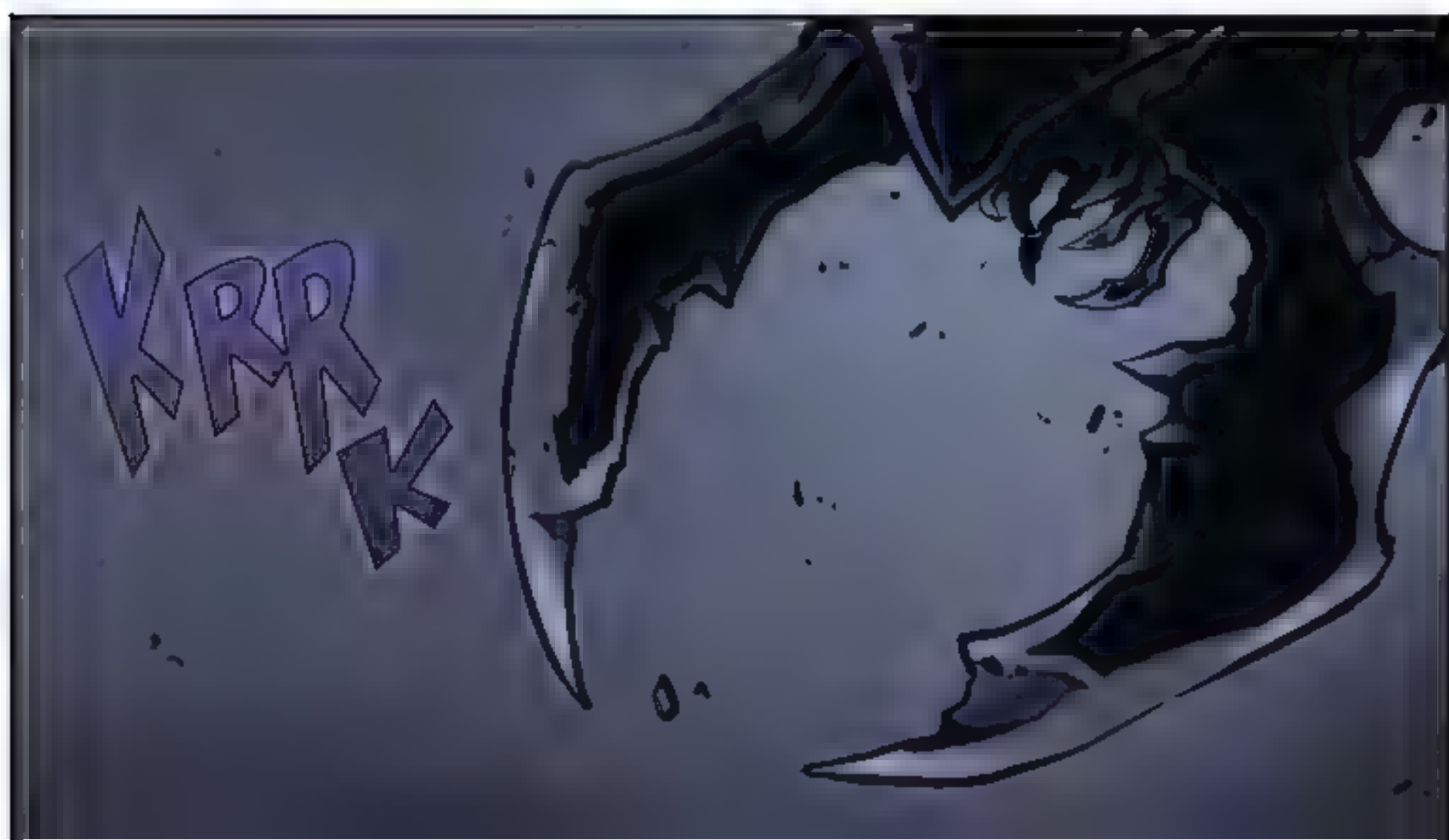
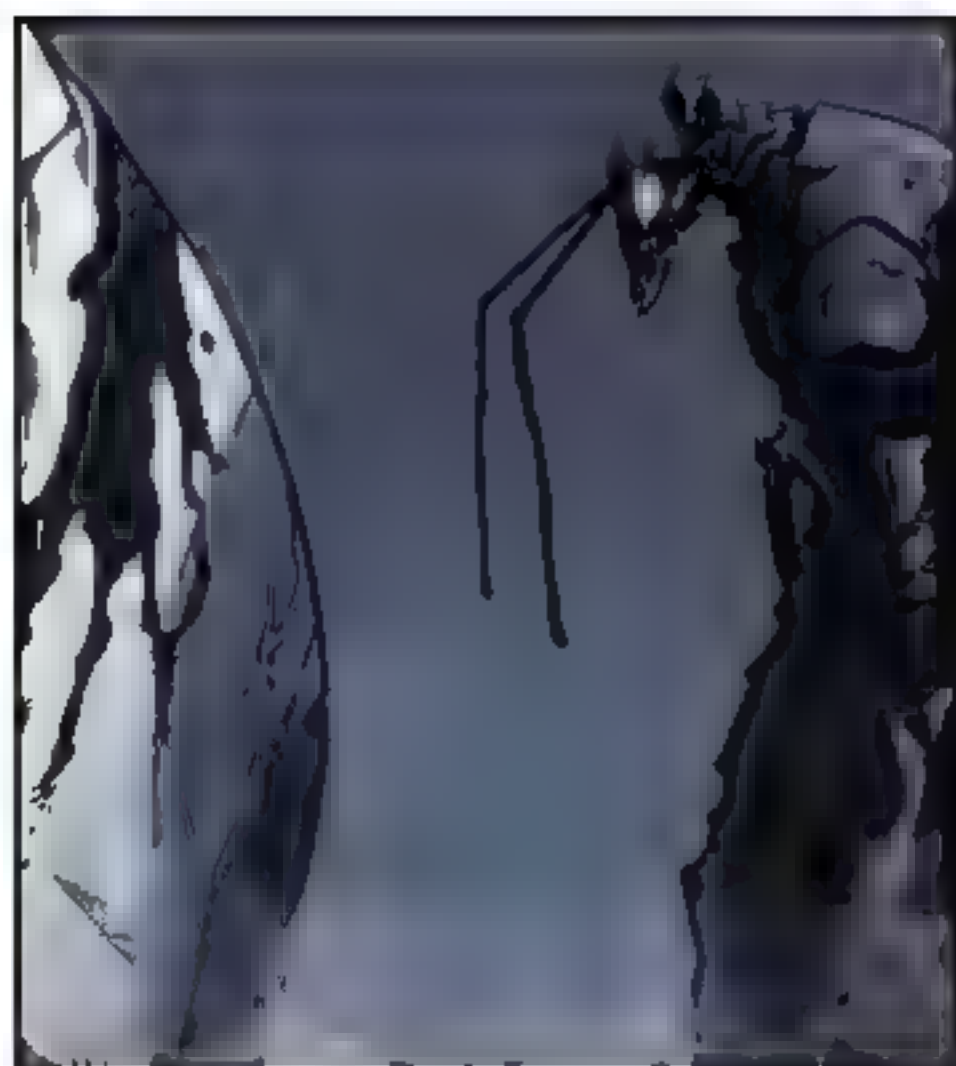
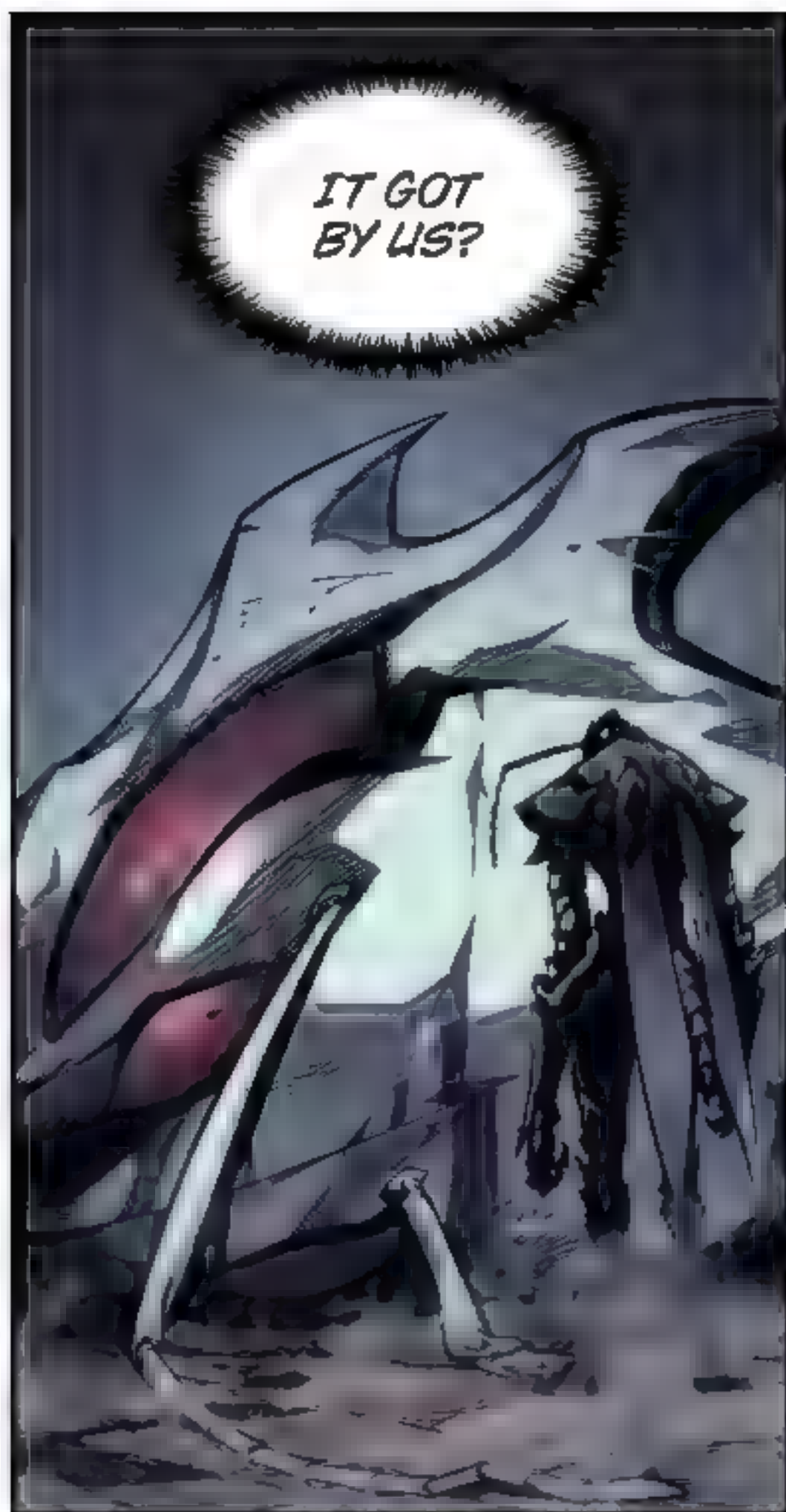
STEP

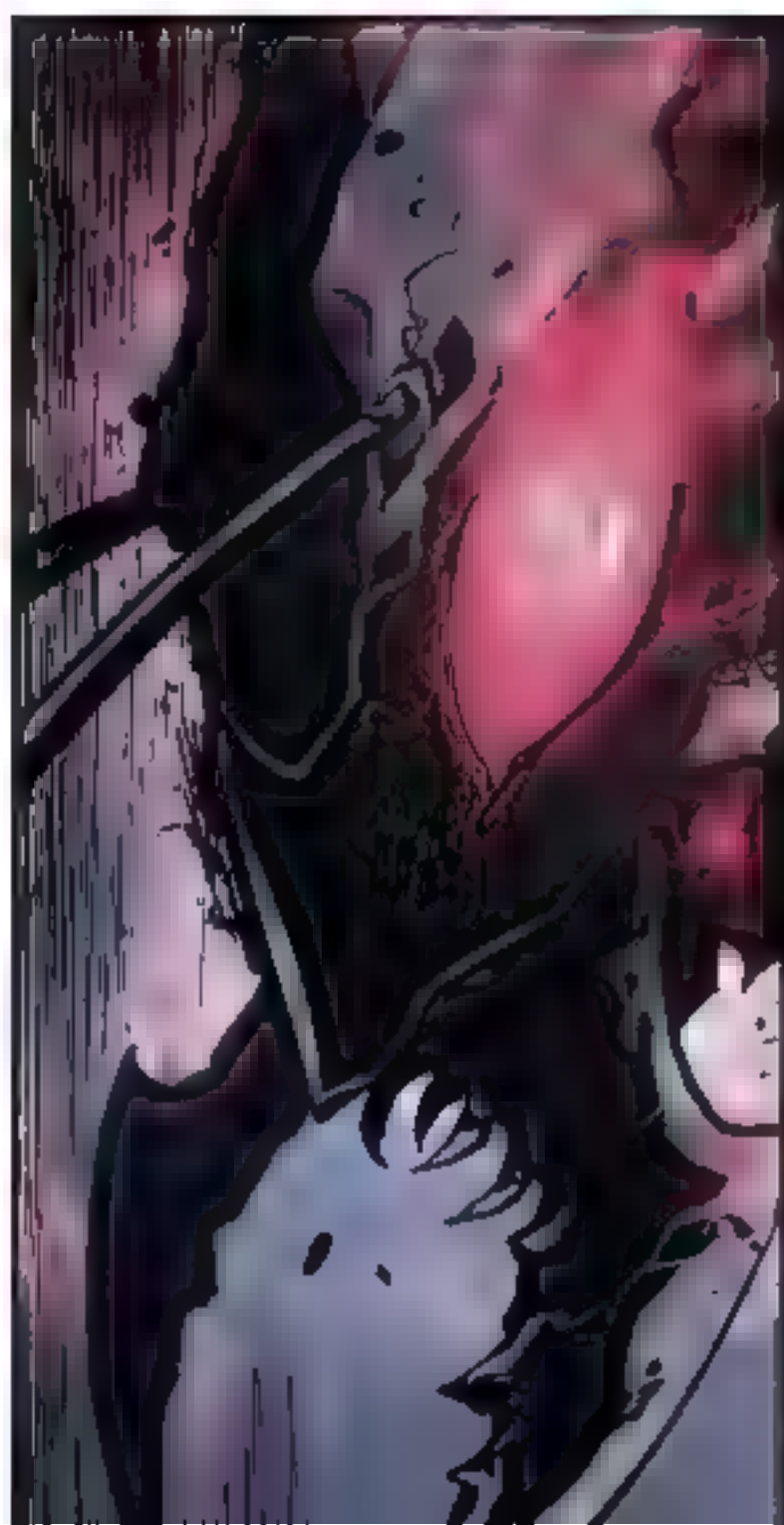
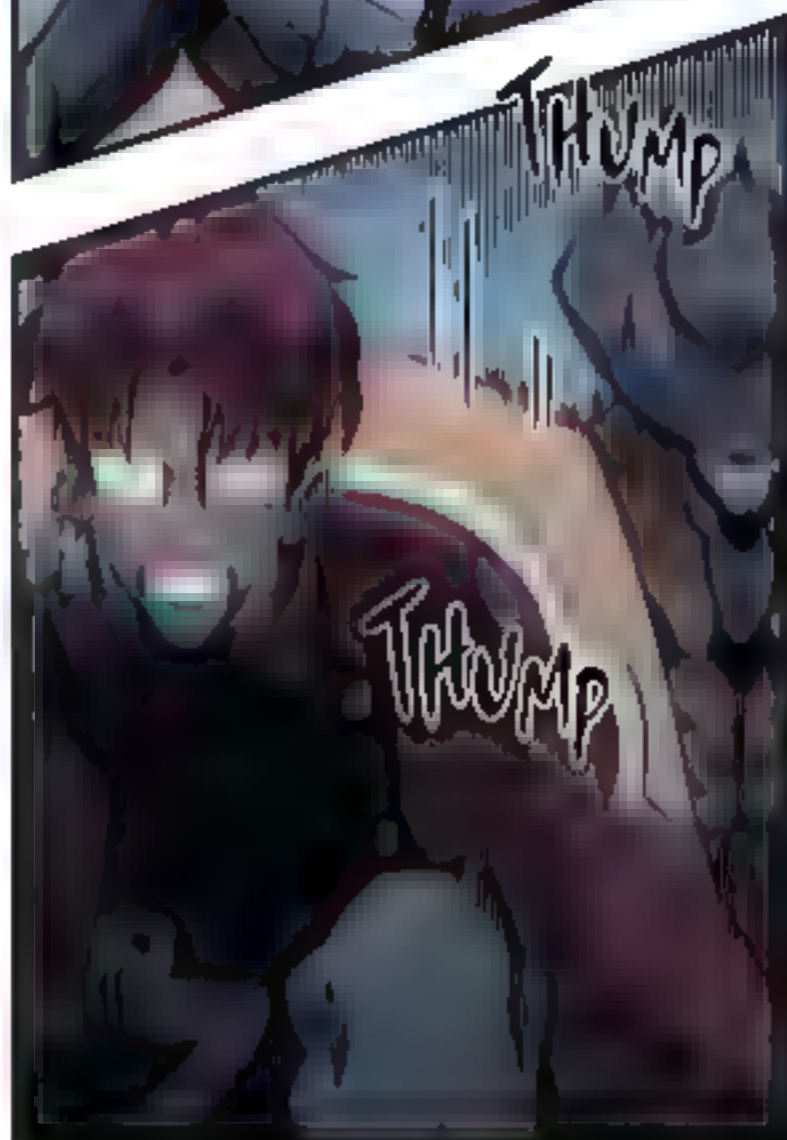
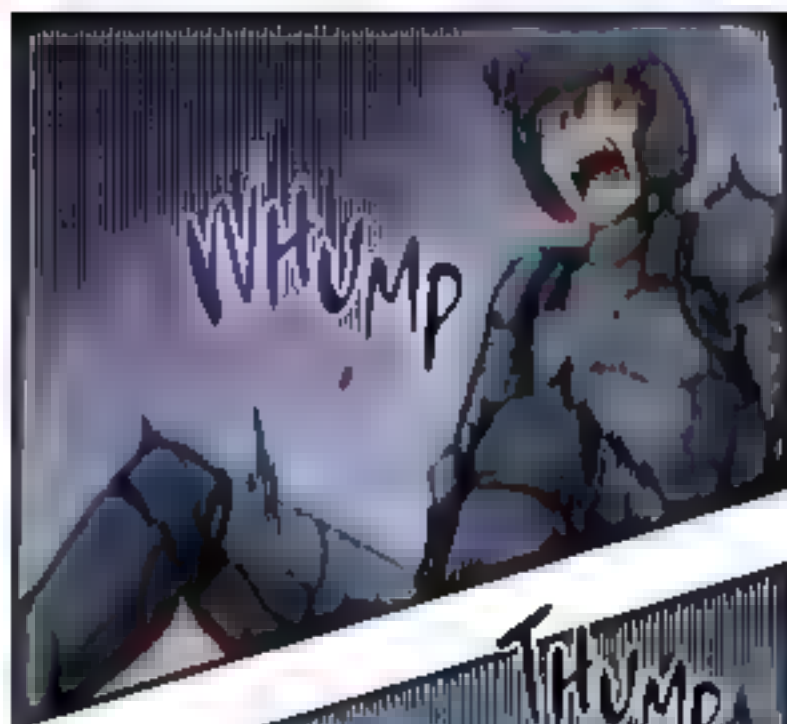
THE BEAST
THAT CAME OUT OF
NOWHERE...

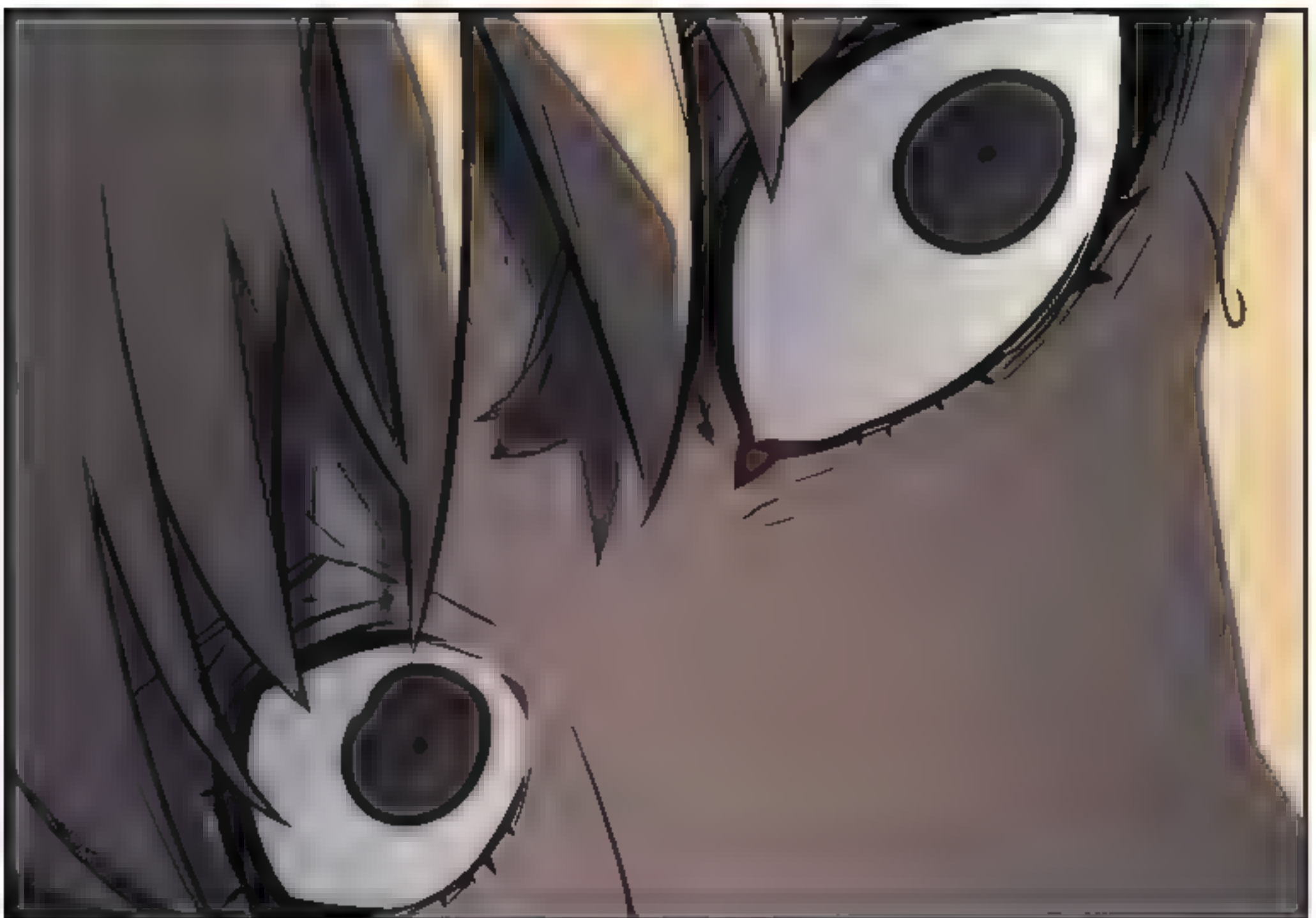
...HAS FOOTSTEPS
THAT ARE
THE STUFF OF
NIGHTMARES!

STEP

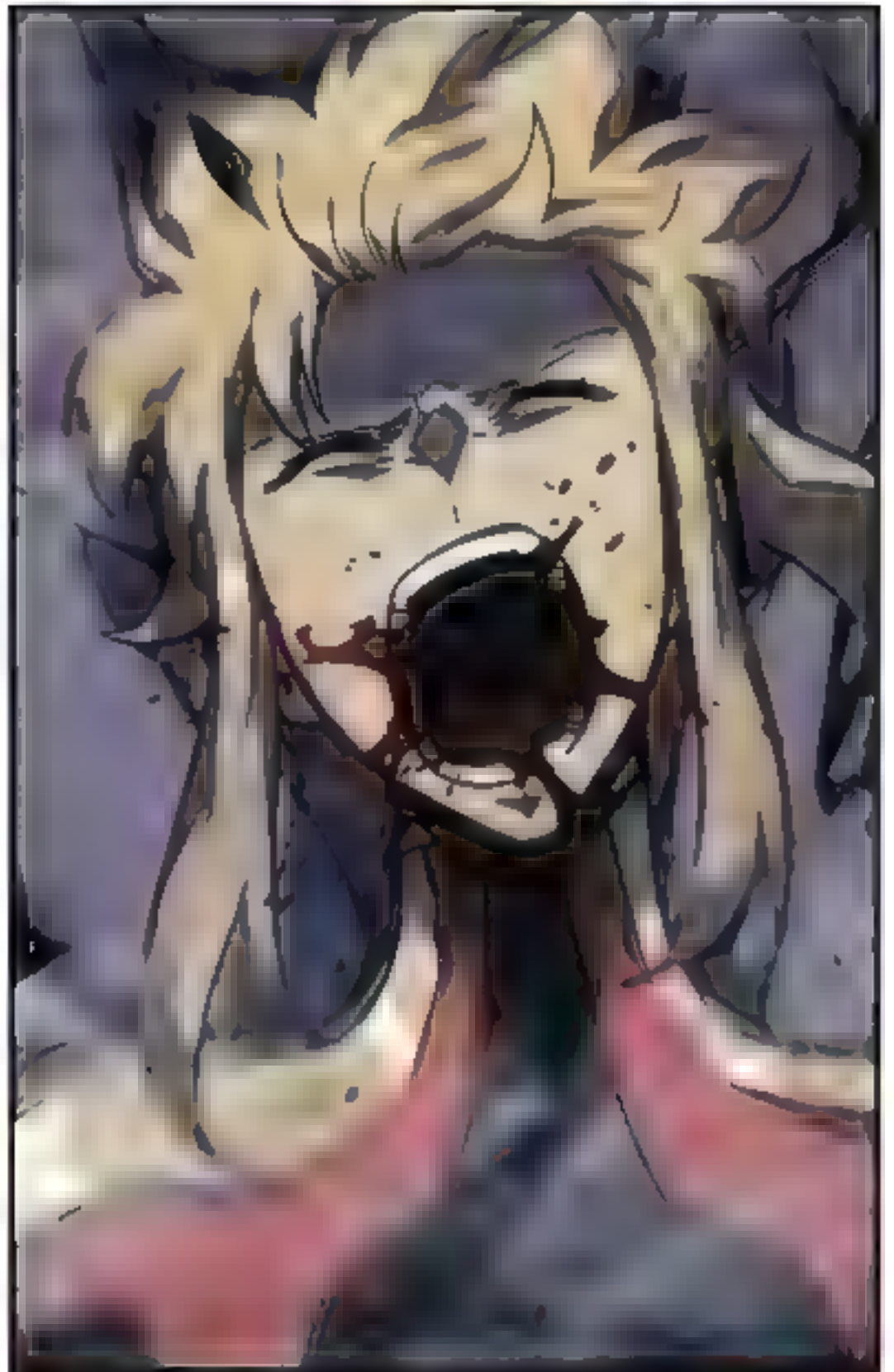
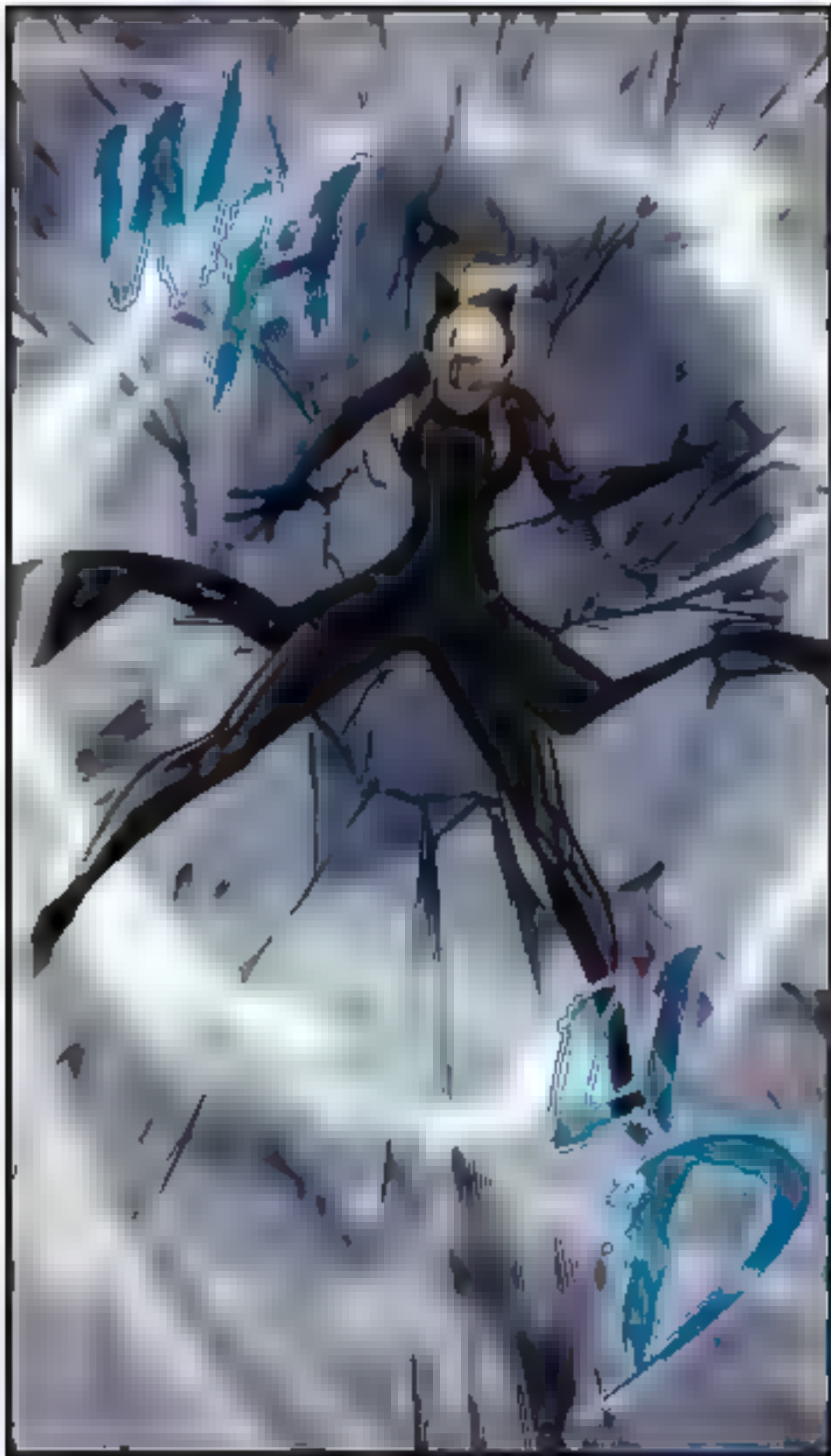


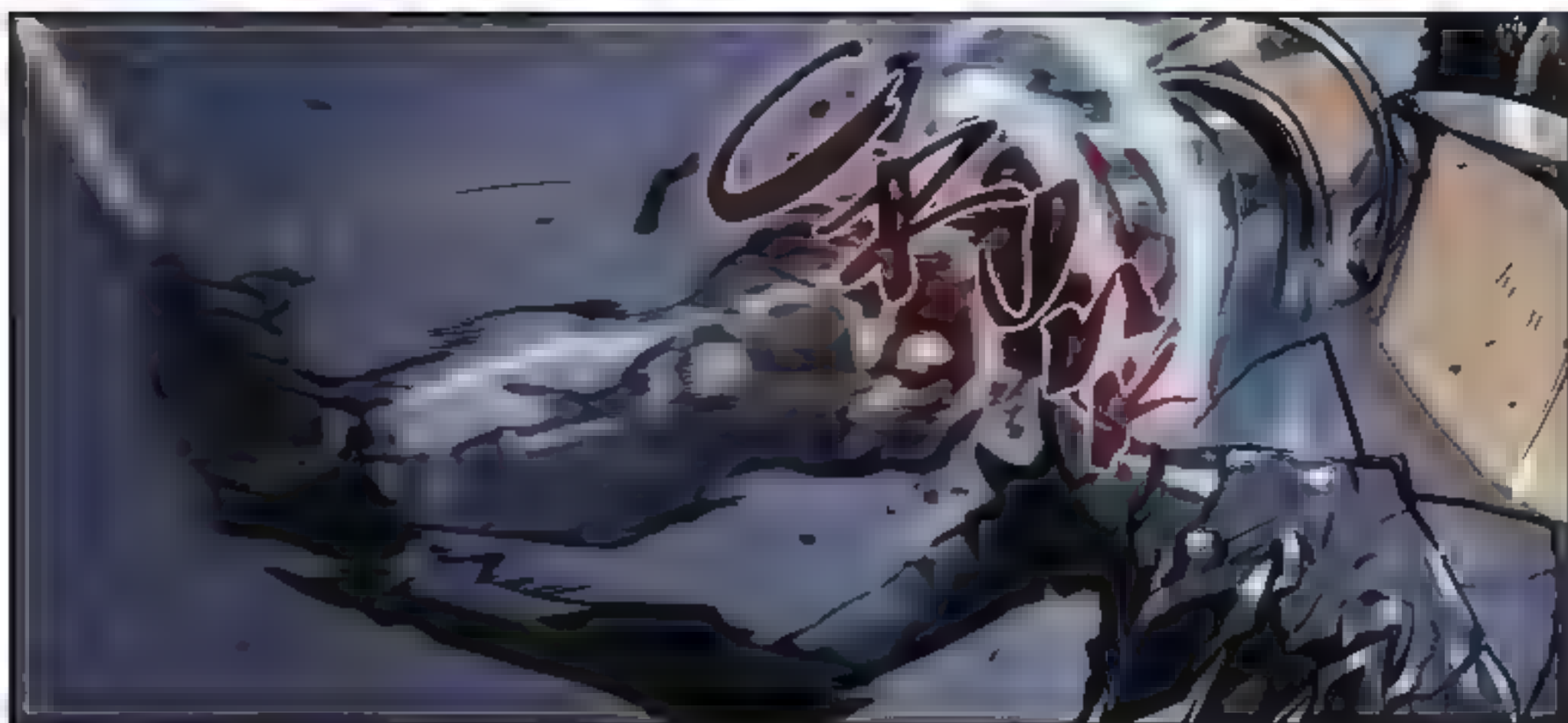
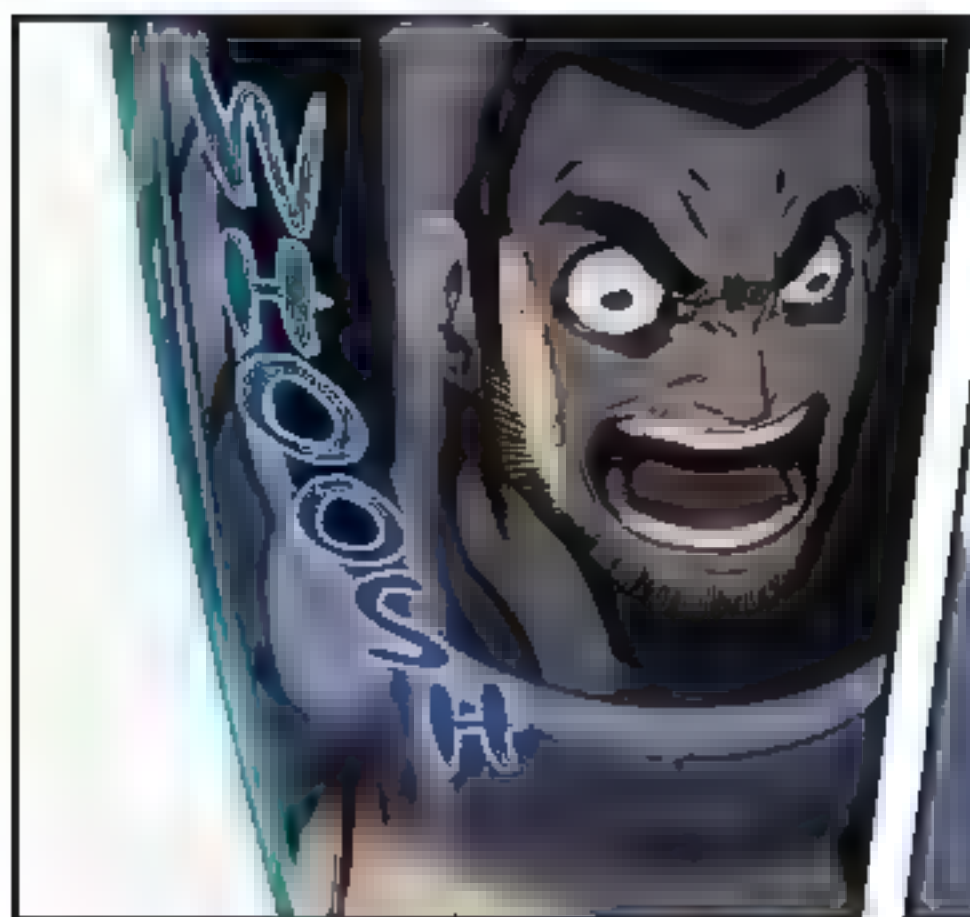




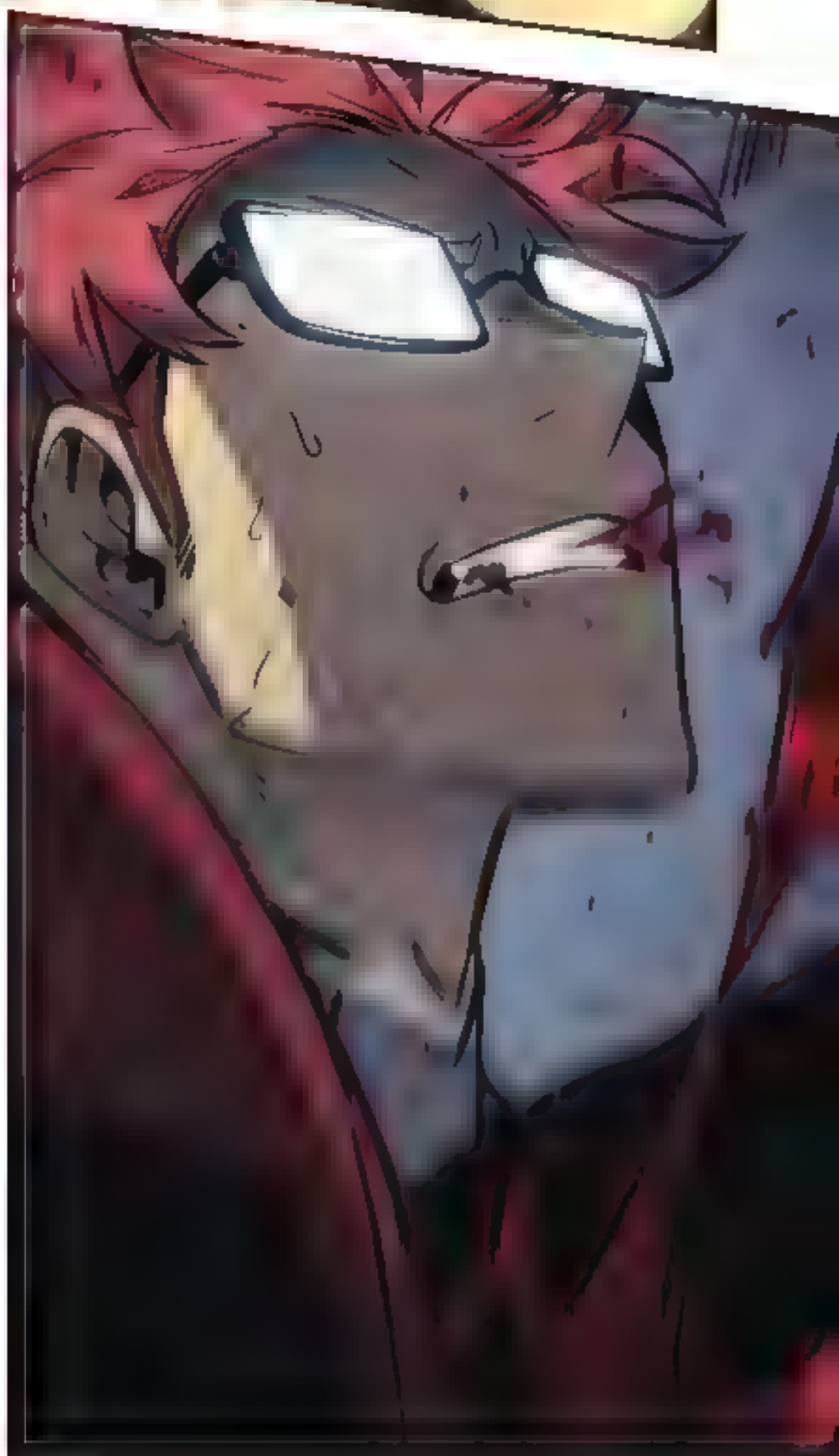
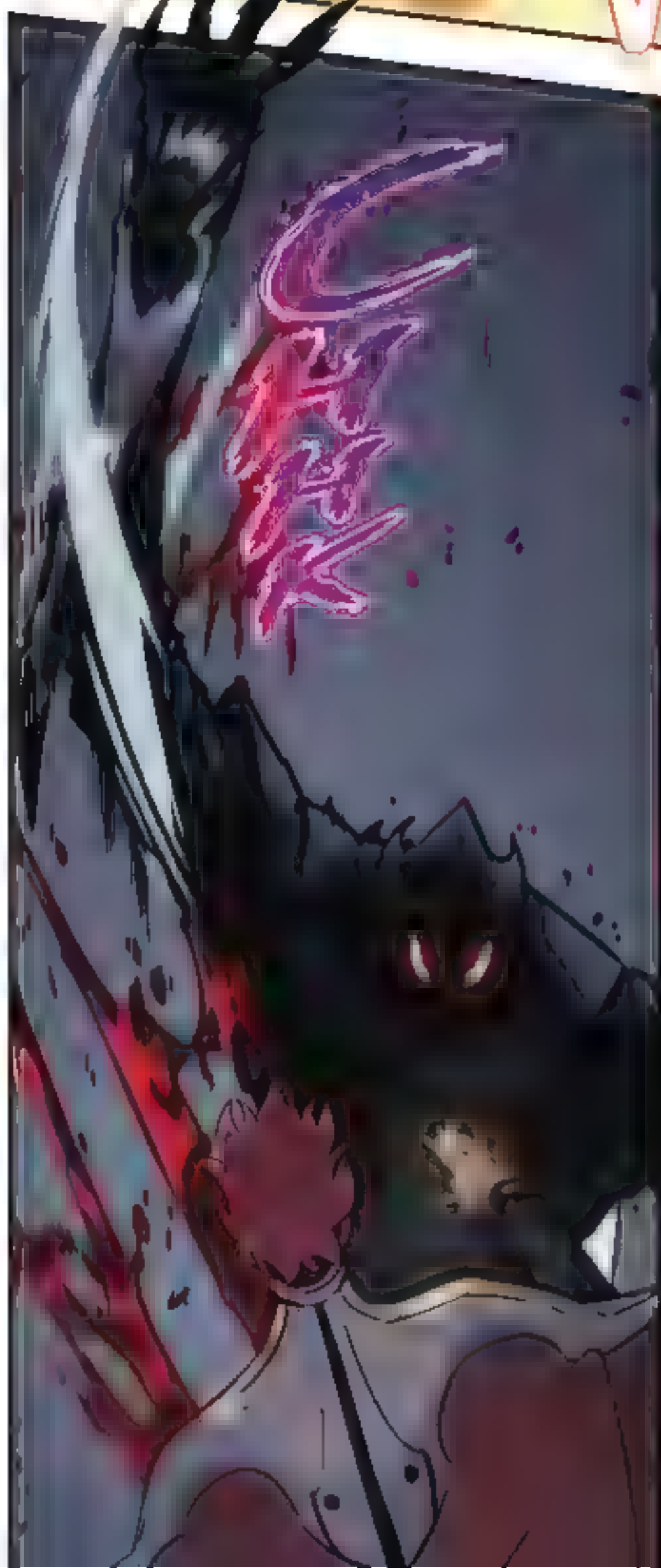


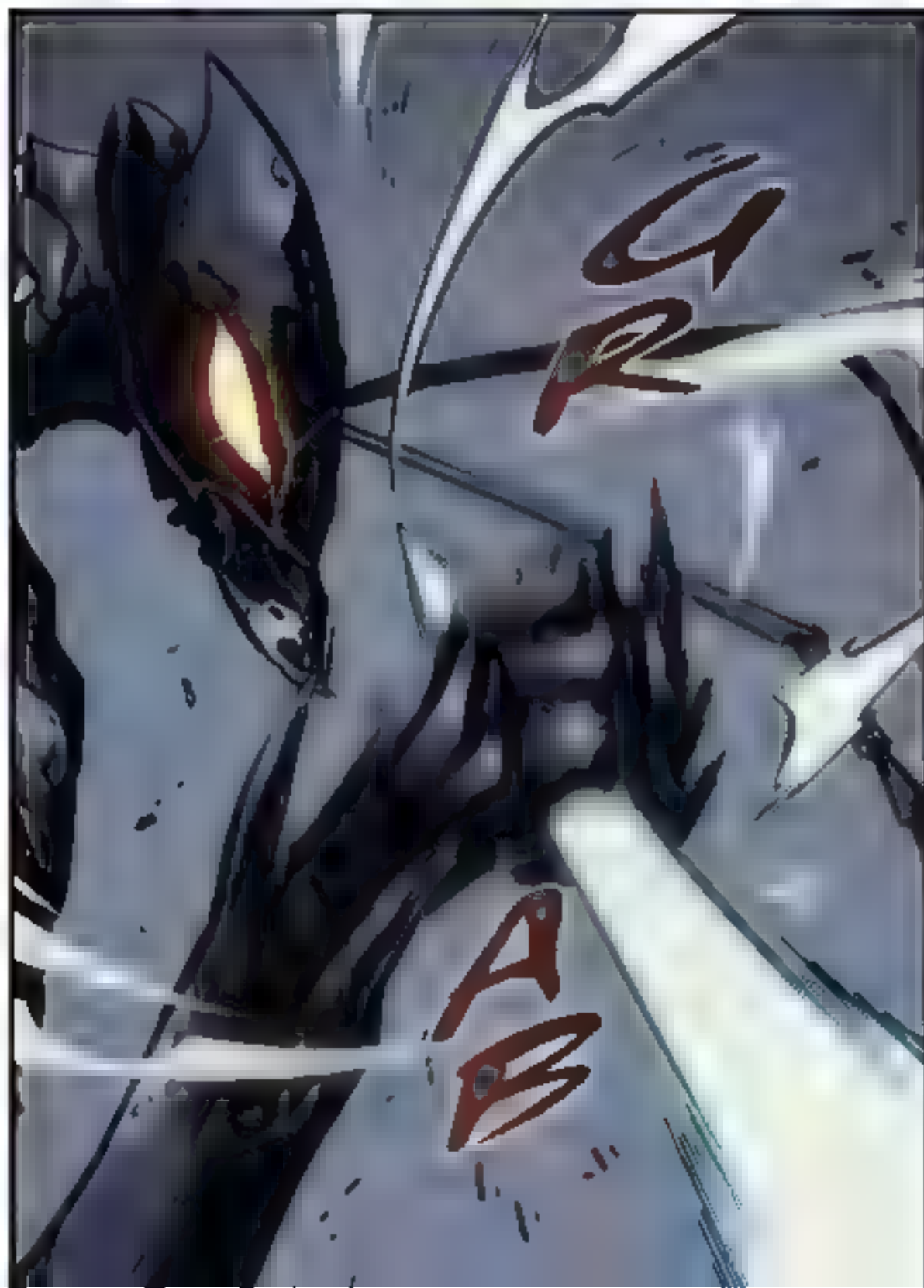


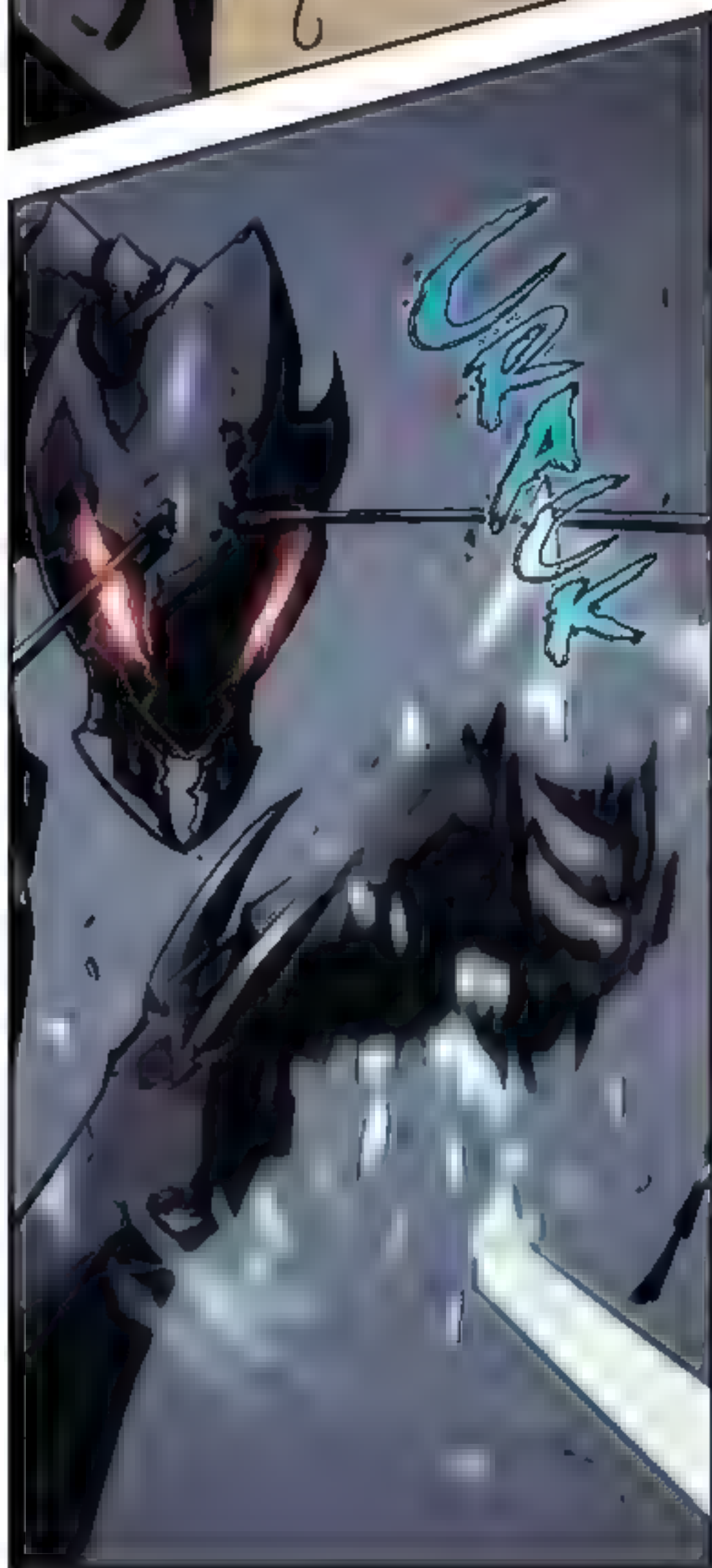
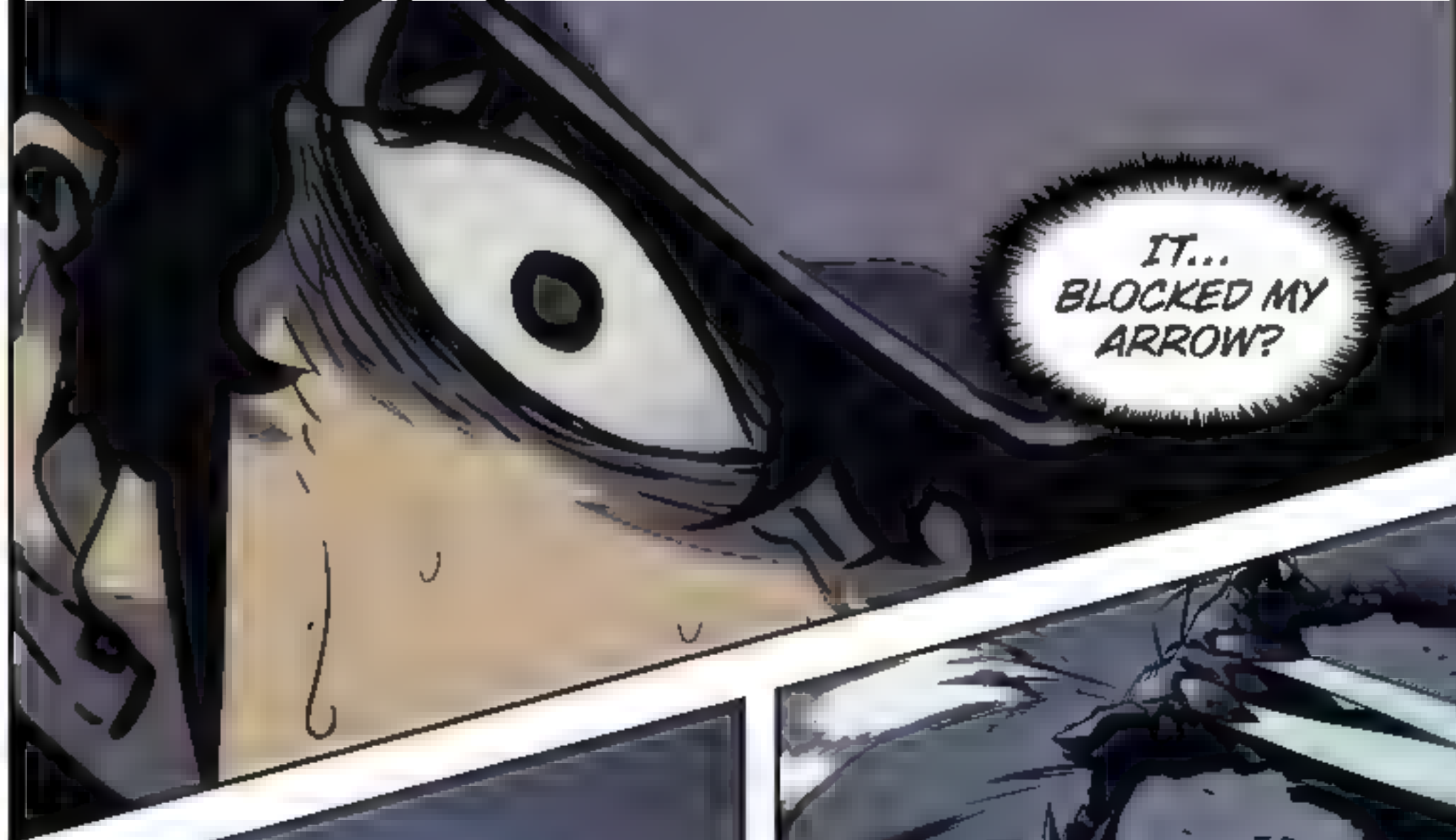


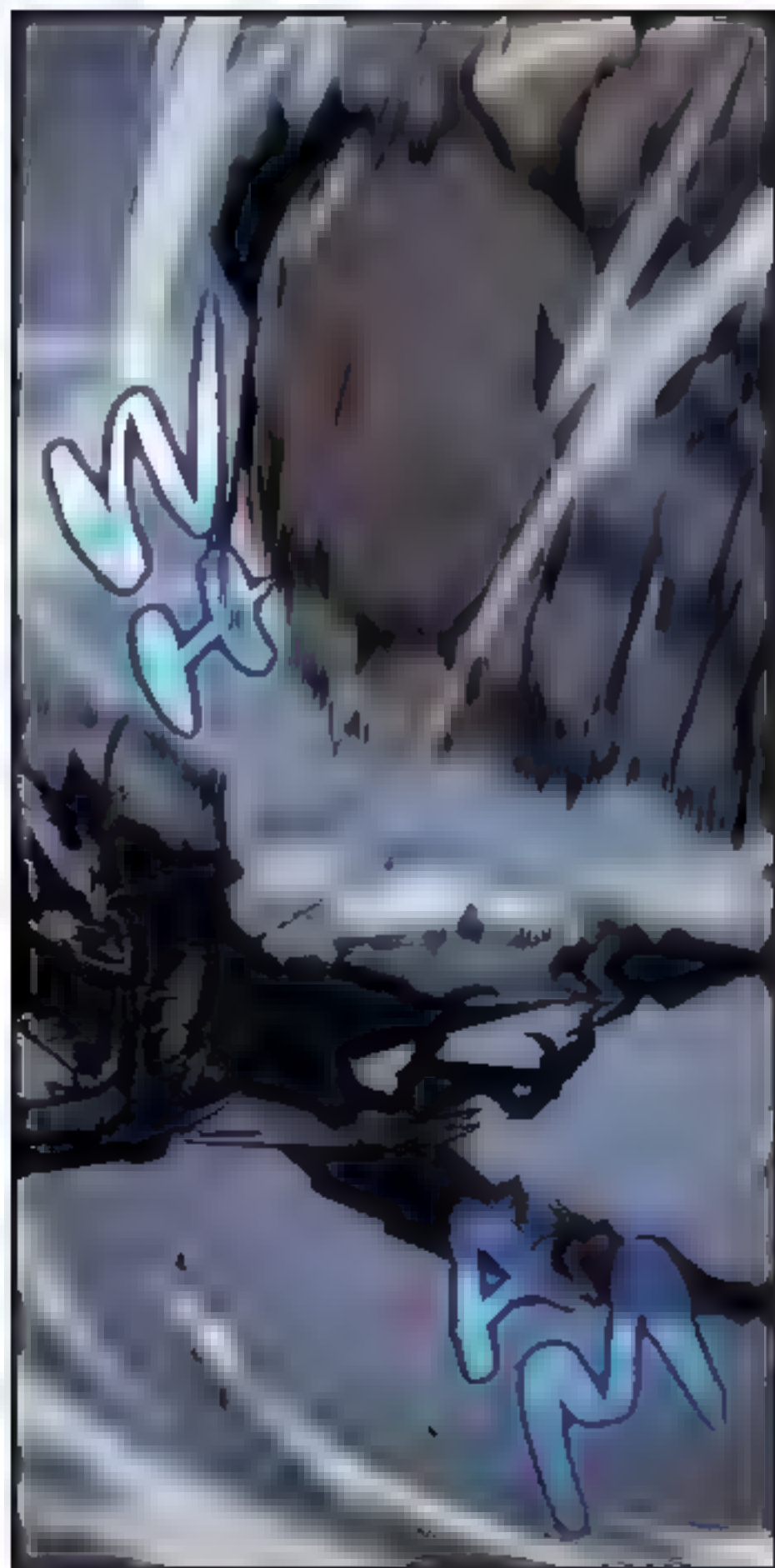
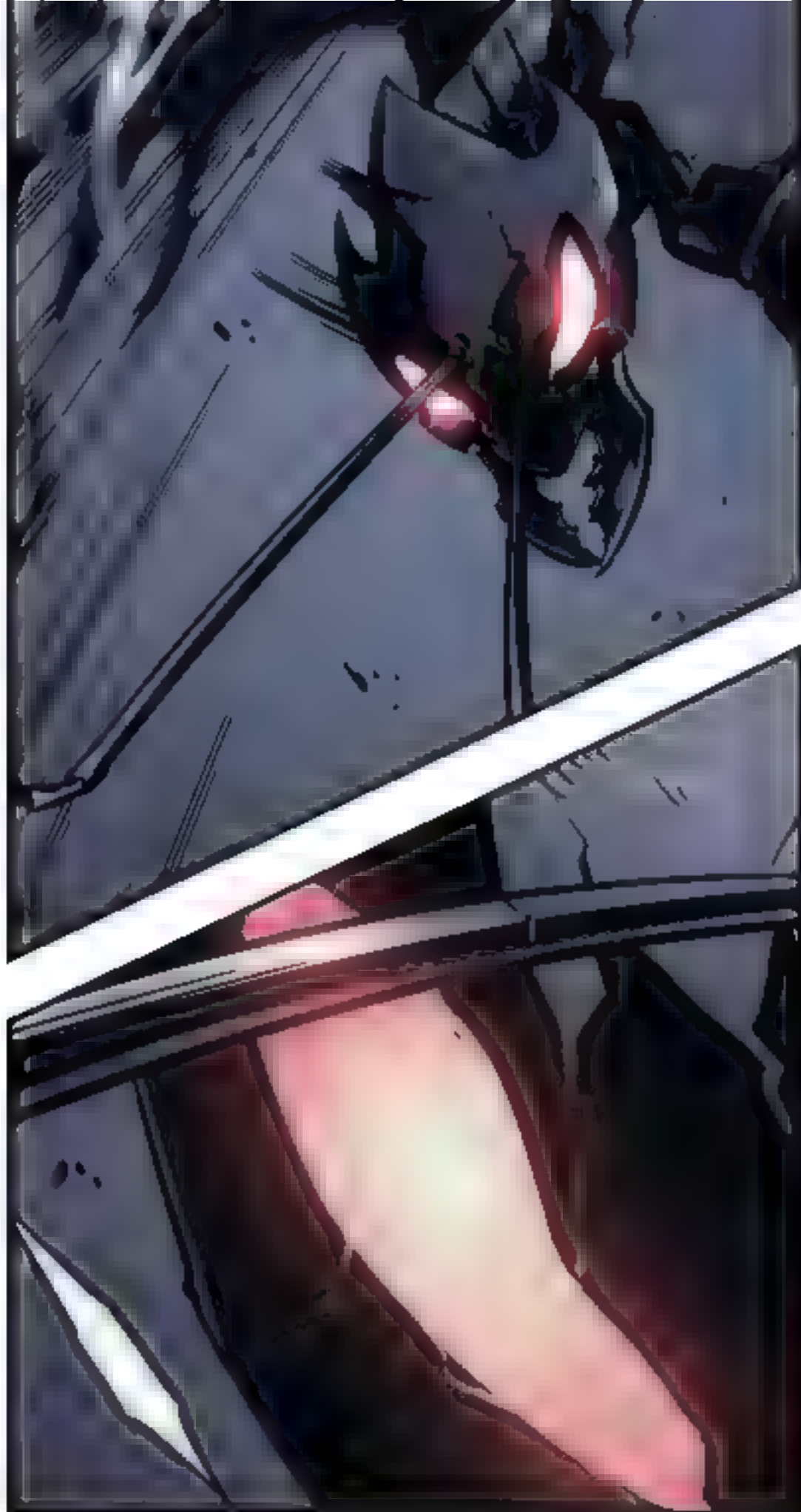














EVEN
SEVERING MY
ARMS IS NO
PROBLEM...



...AS LONG AS
HUNTER BYUNGGU
MIN IS HERE!



CAMOUFLAGE:
A SELF-DEFENSE
SKILL.

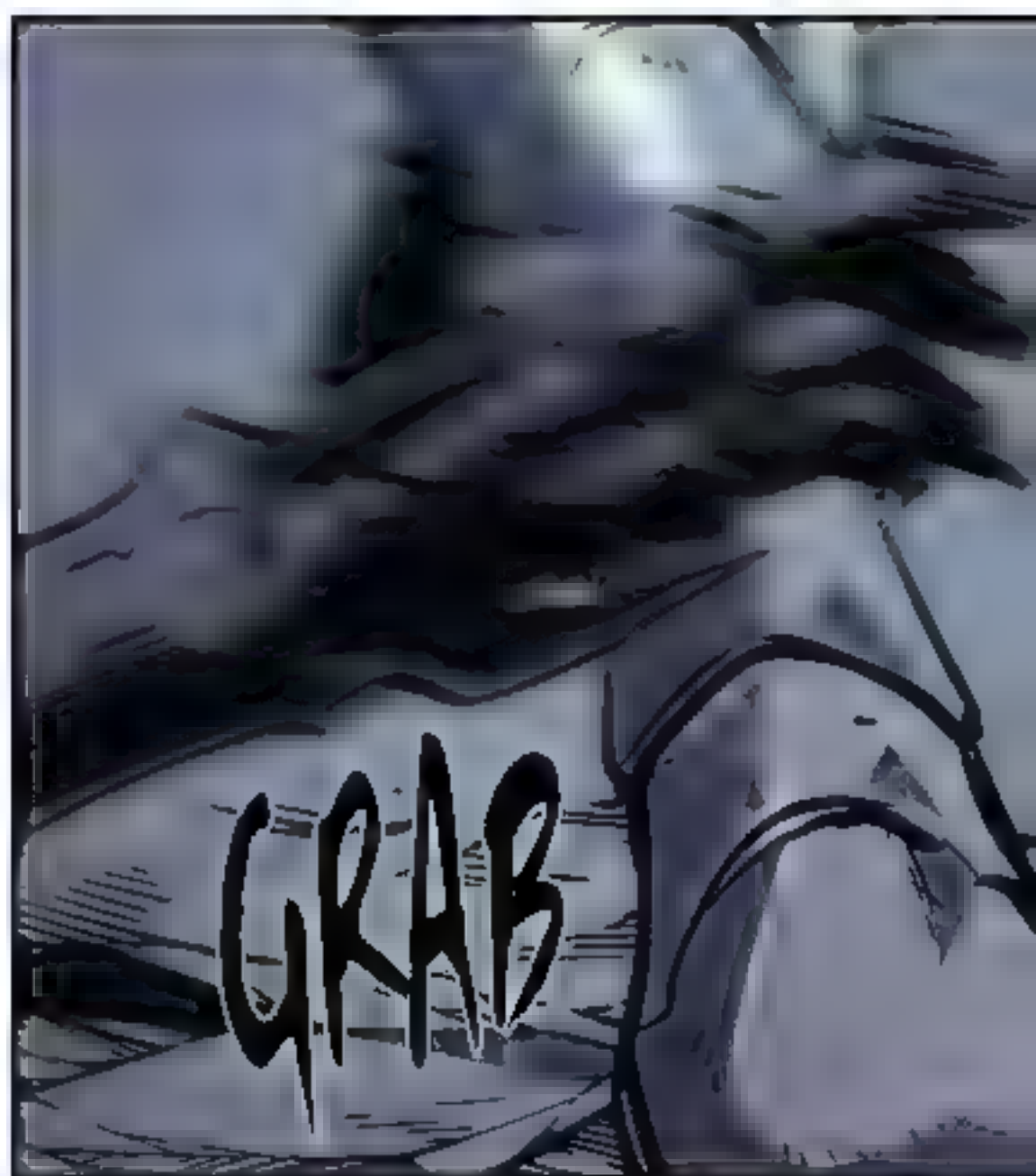
SIMILAR TO
STEALTH, IT
CONCEALS MY
PRESENCE.

THE ONE
DRAWBACK IS THAT
MY MOTIONS ARE
LIMITED, BUT THAT'S
NOT A BIG PROBLEM
FOR A HEALER.

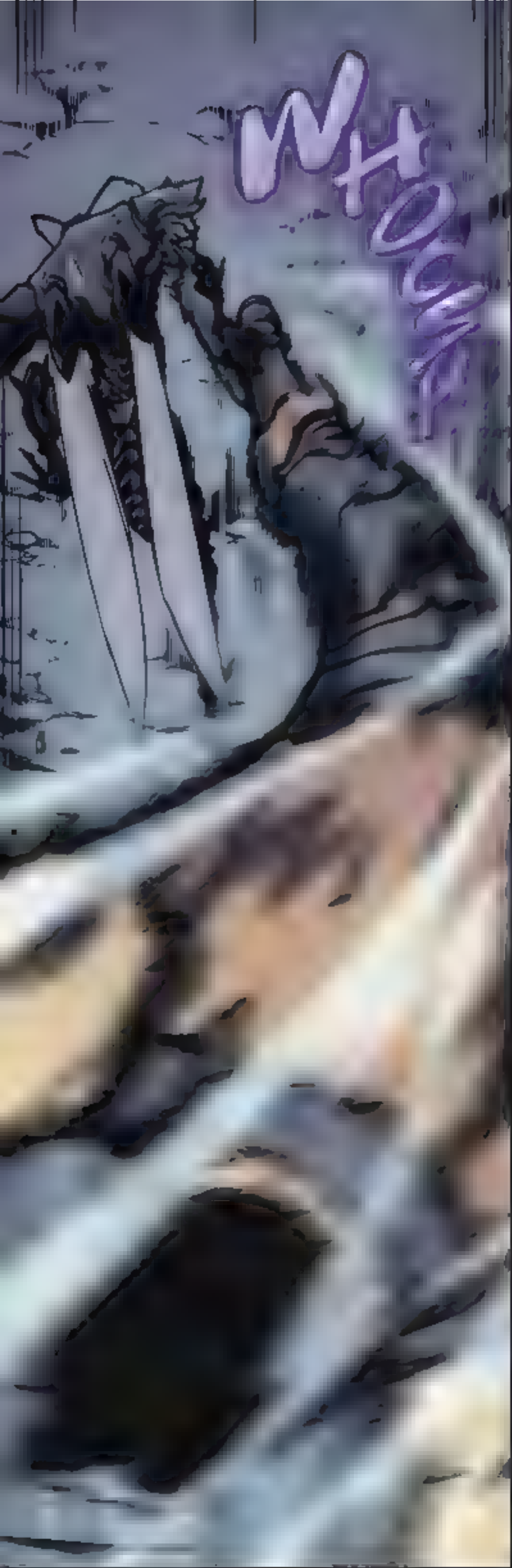


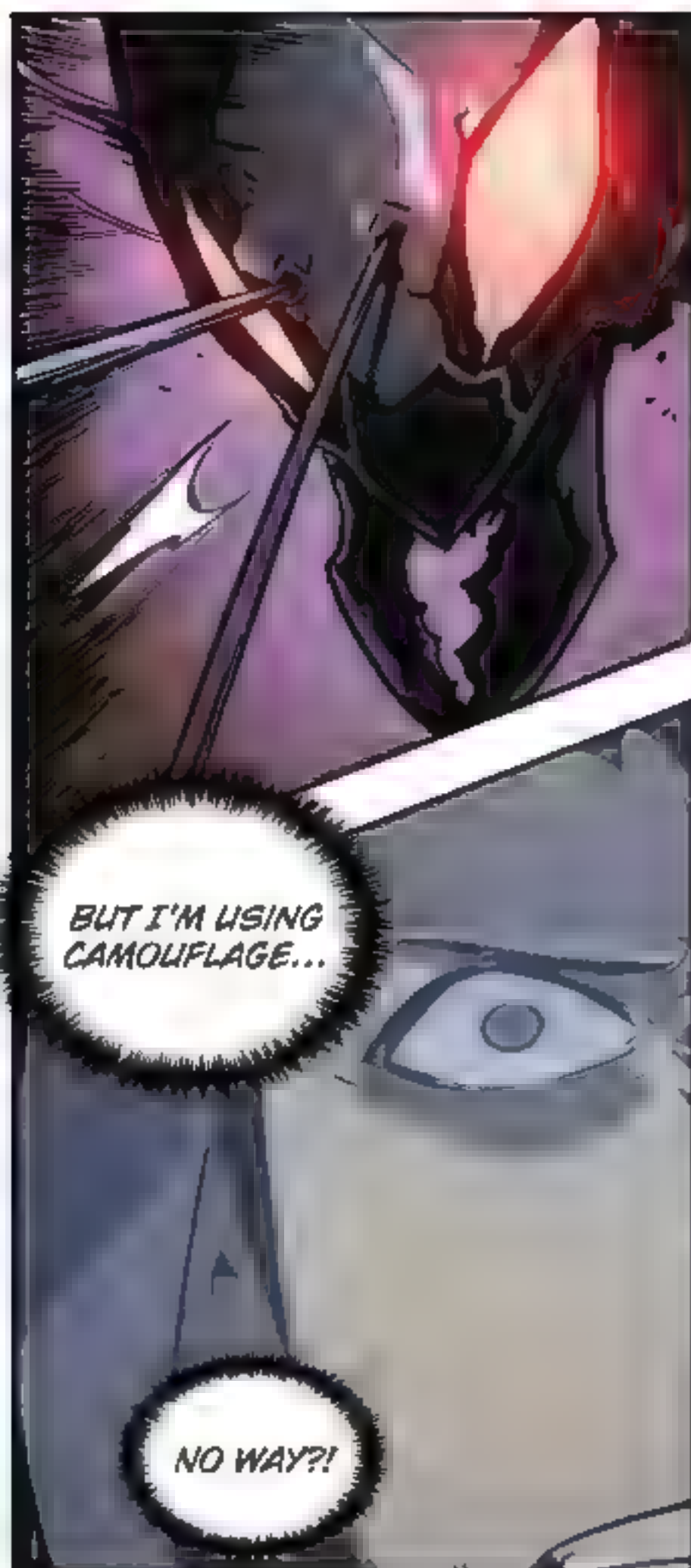
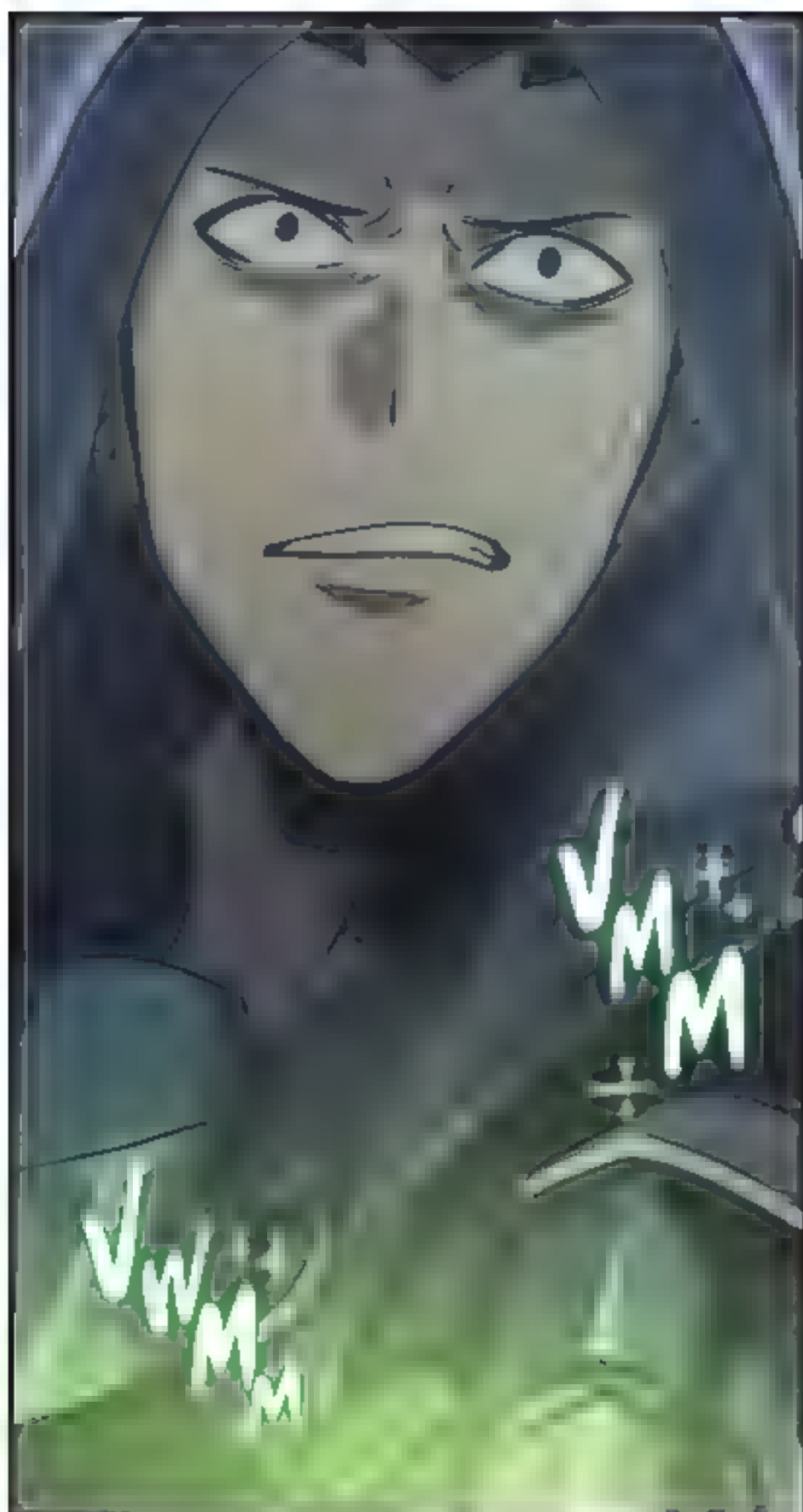
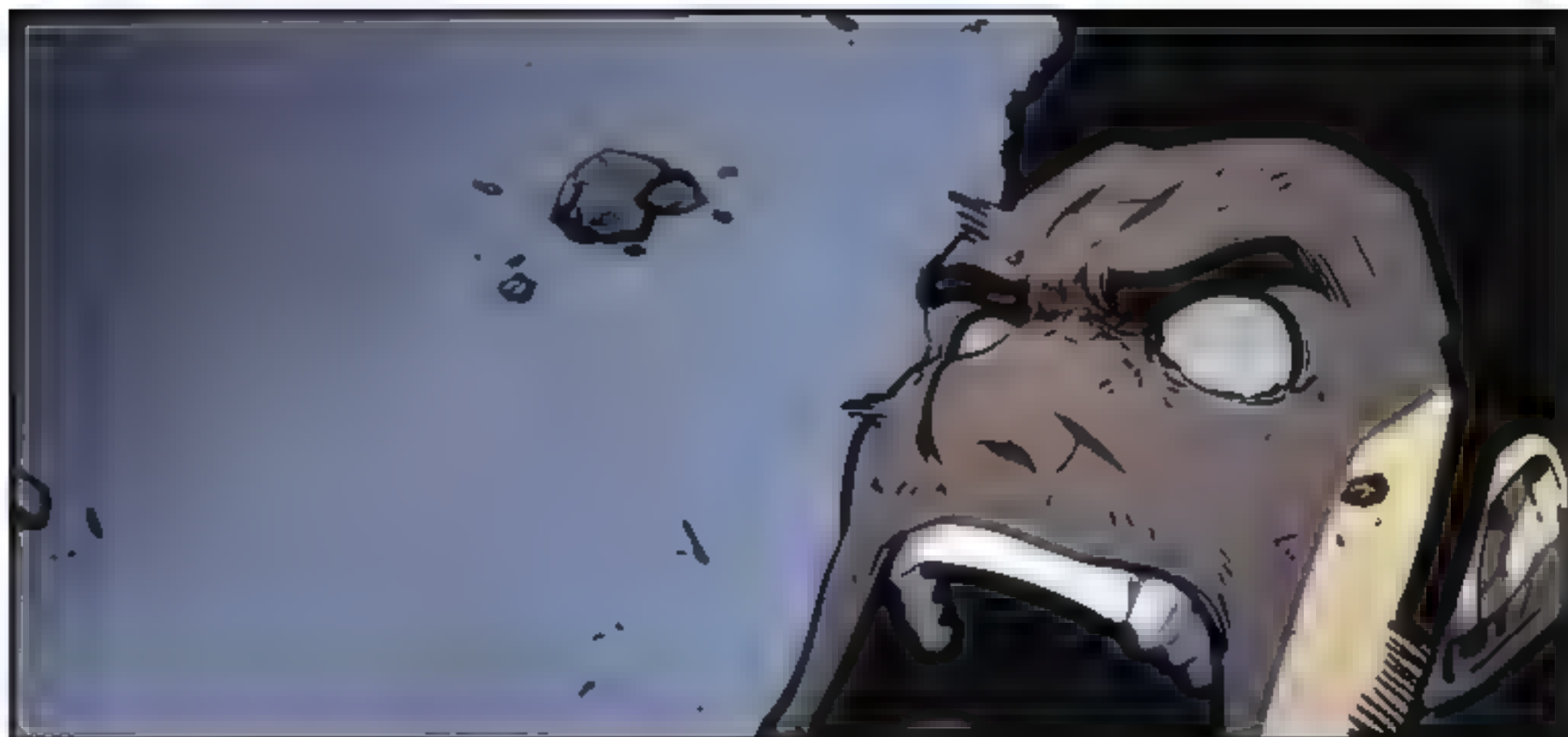
IT CAN'T
LOCATE ME
EVEN IF IT
WANTS ME
DEAD!

THE ANT CAN'T
BEAT US AS
LONG AS I HAVE
MY POWER!



GRAB

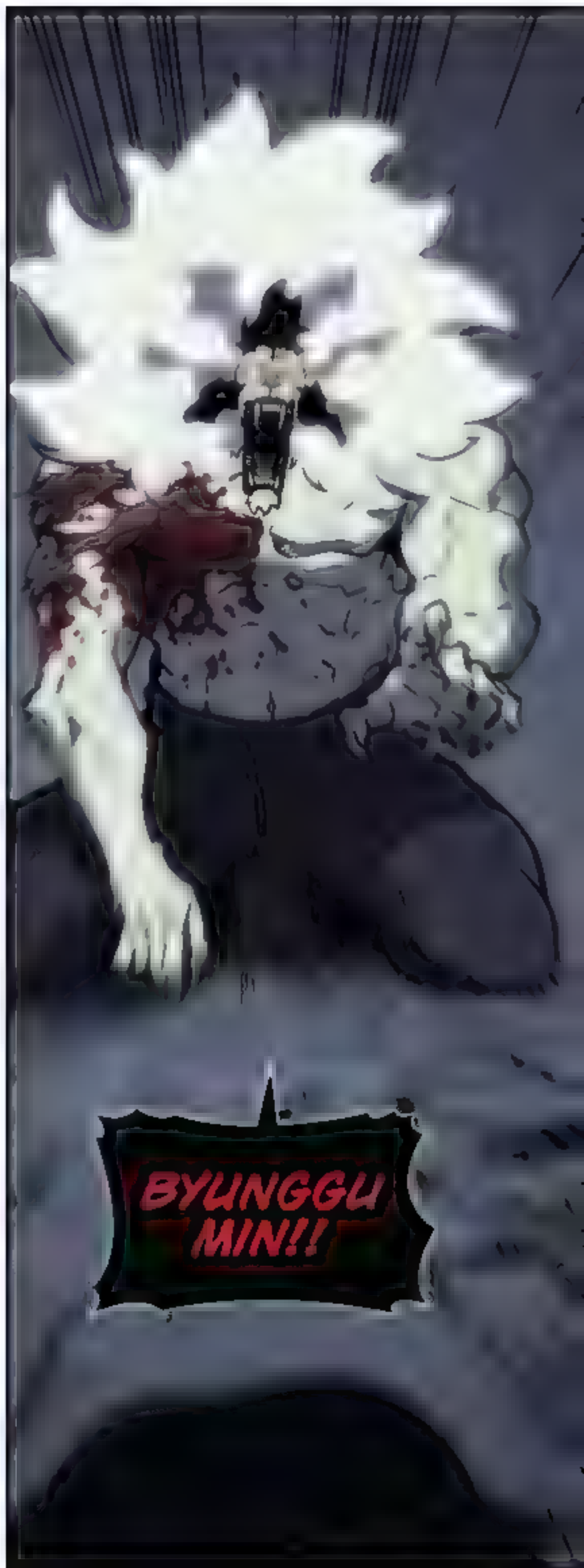
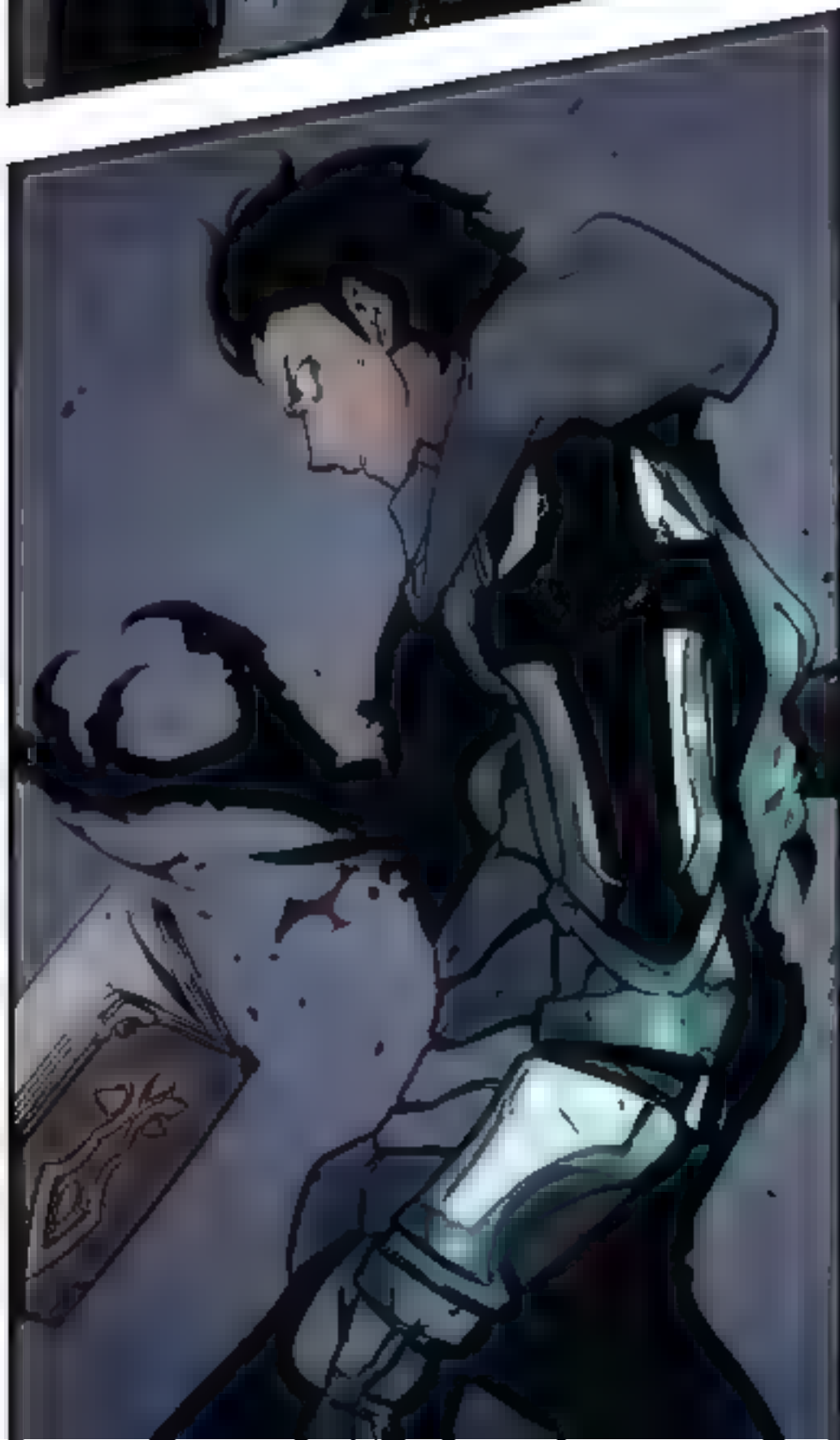




BUT I'M USING
CAMOUFLAGE...

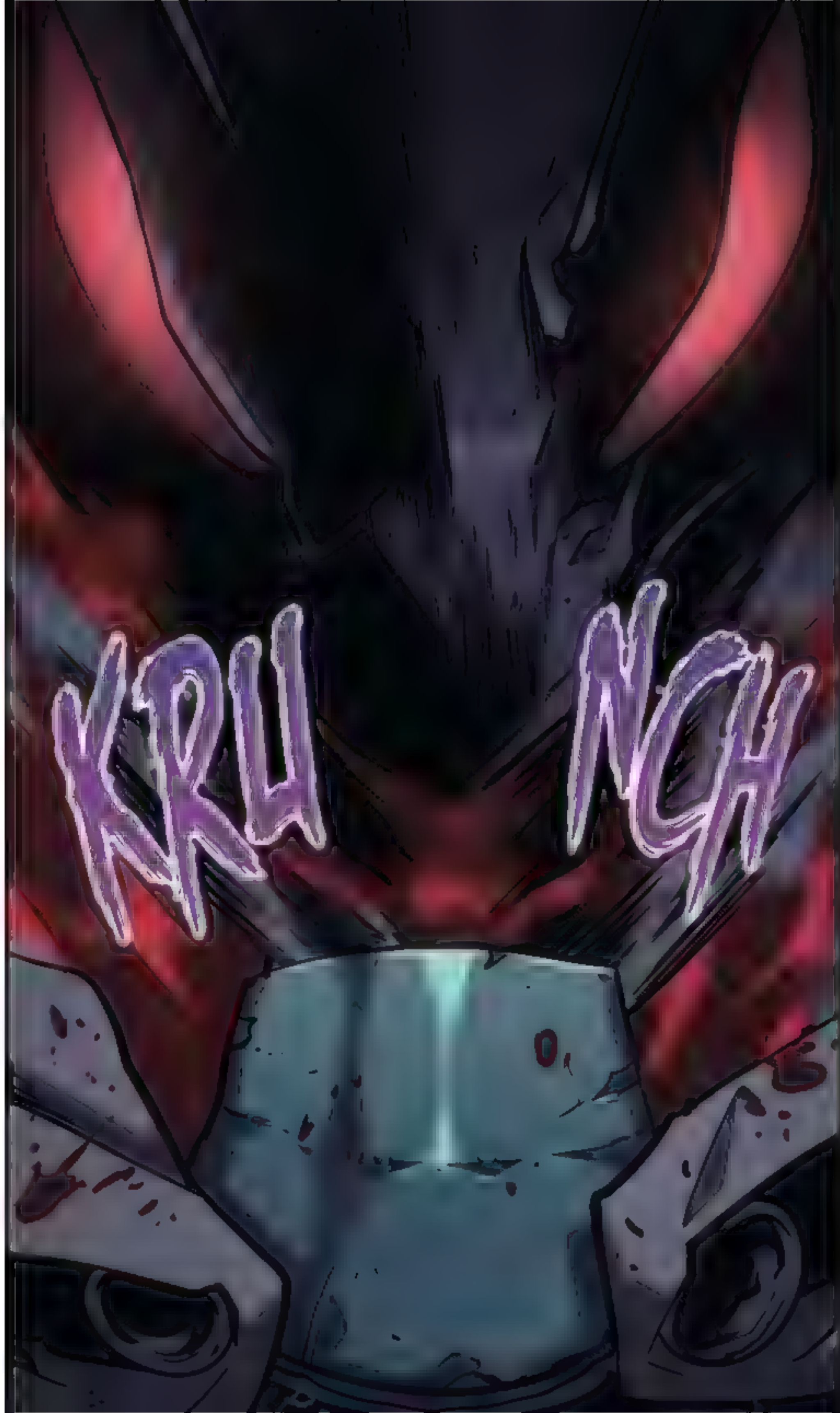
NO WAY?!



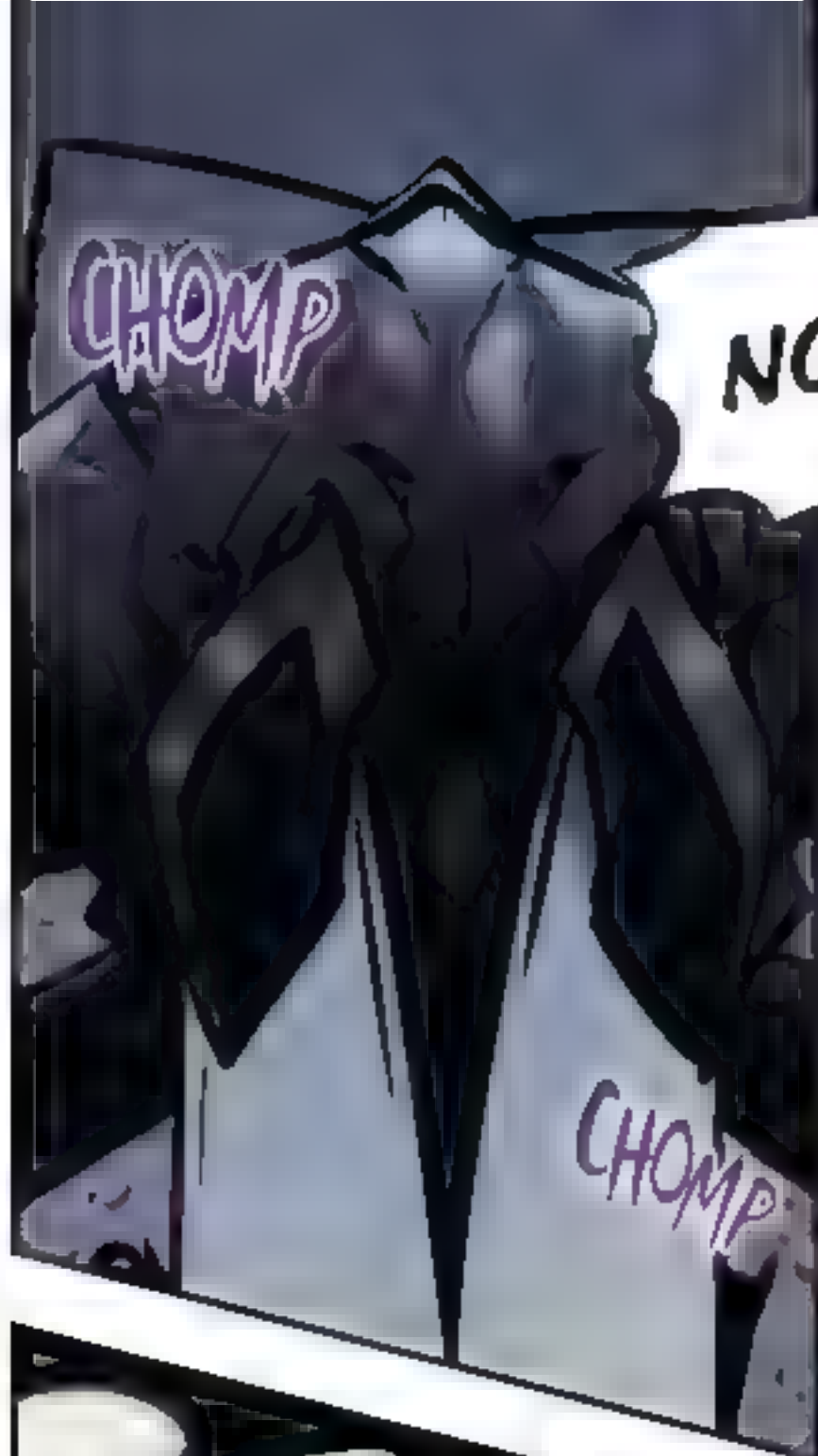


**BYUNGGU
MIN!!**



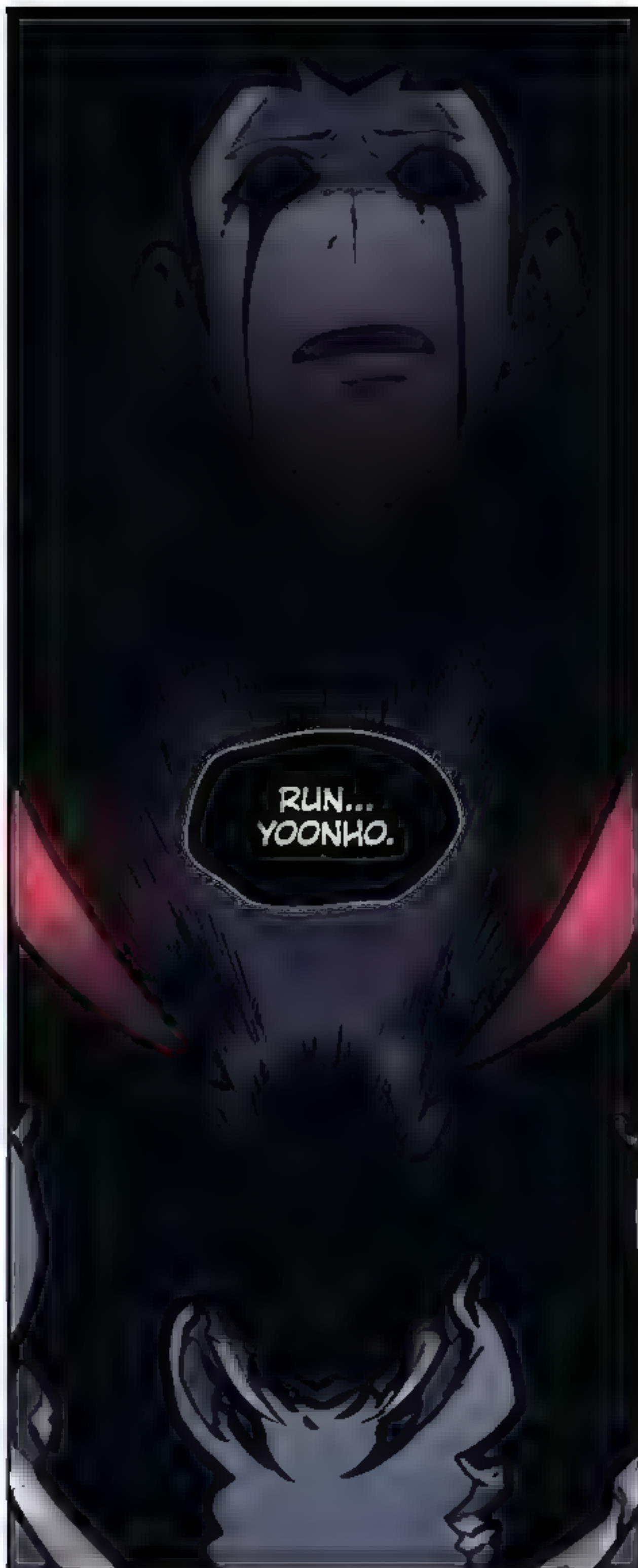
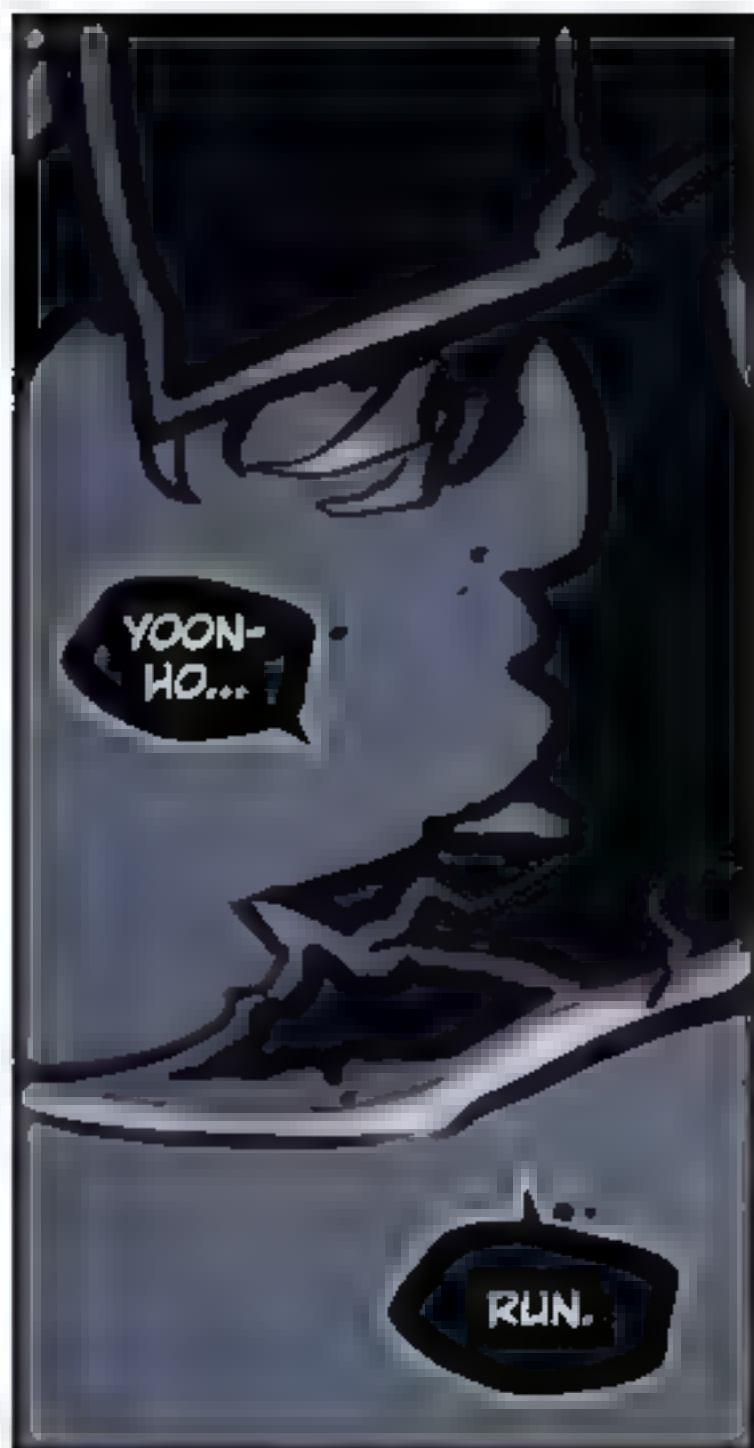


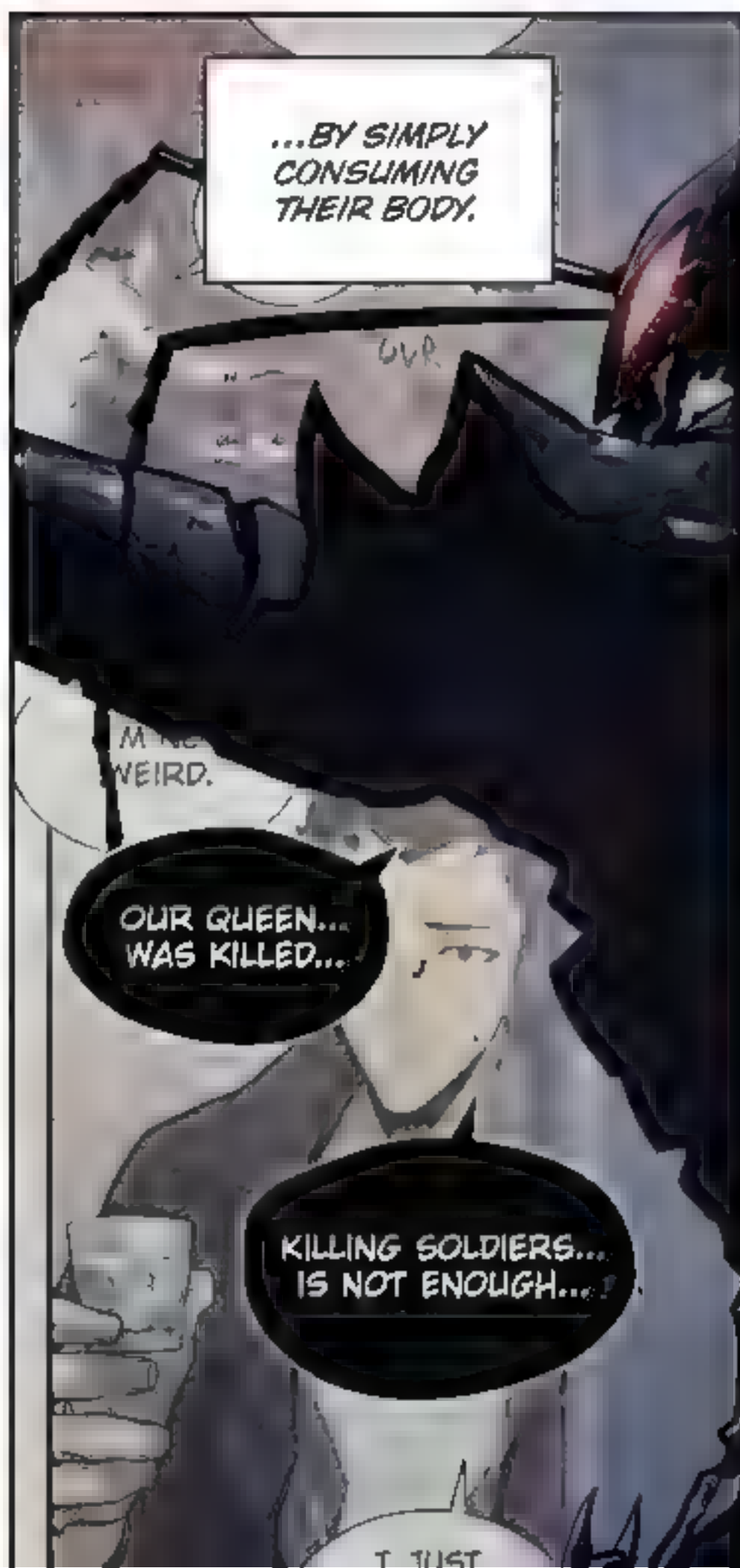
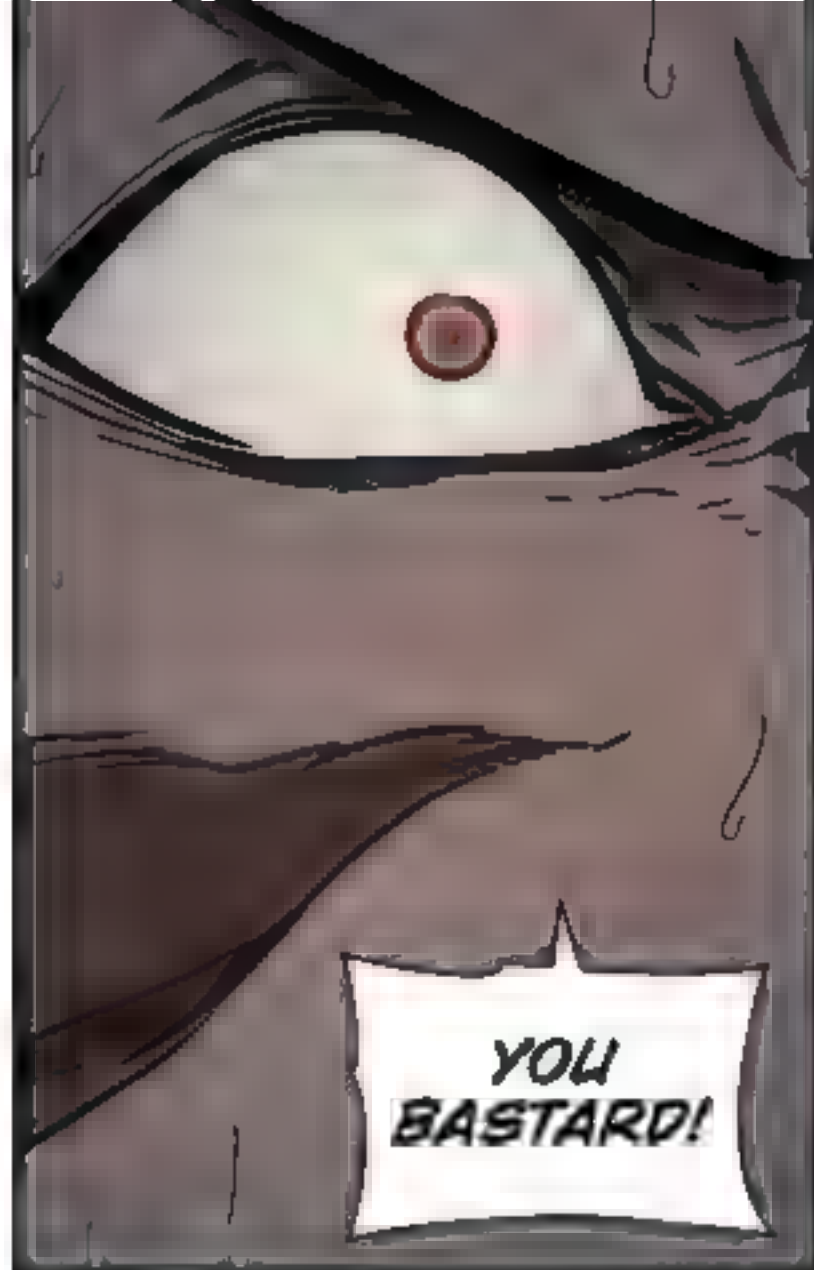


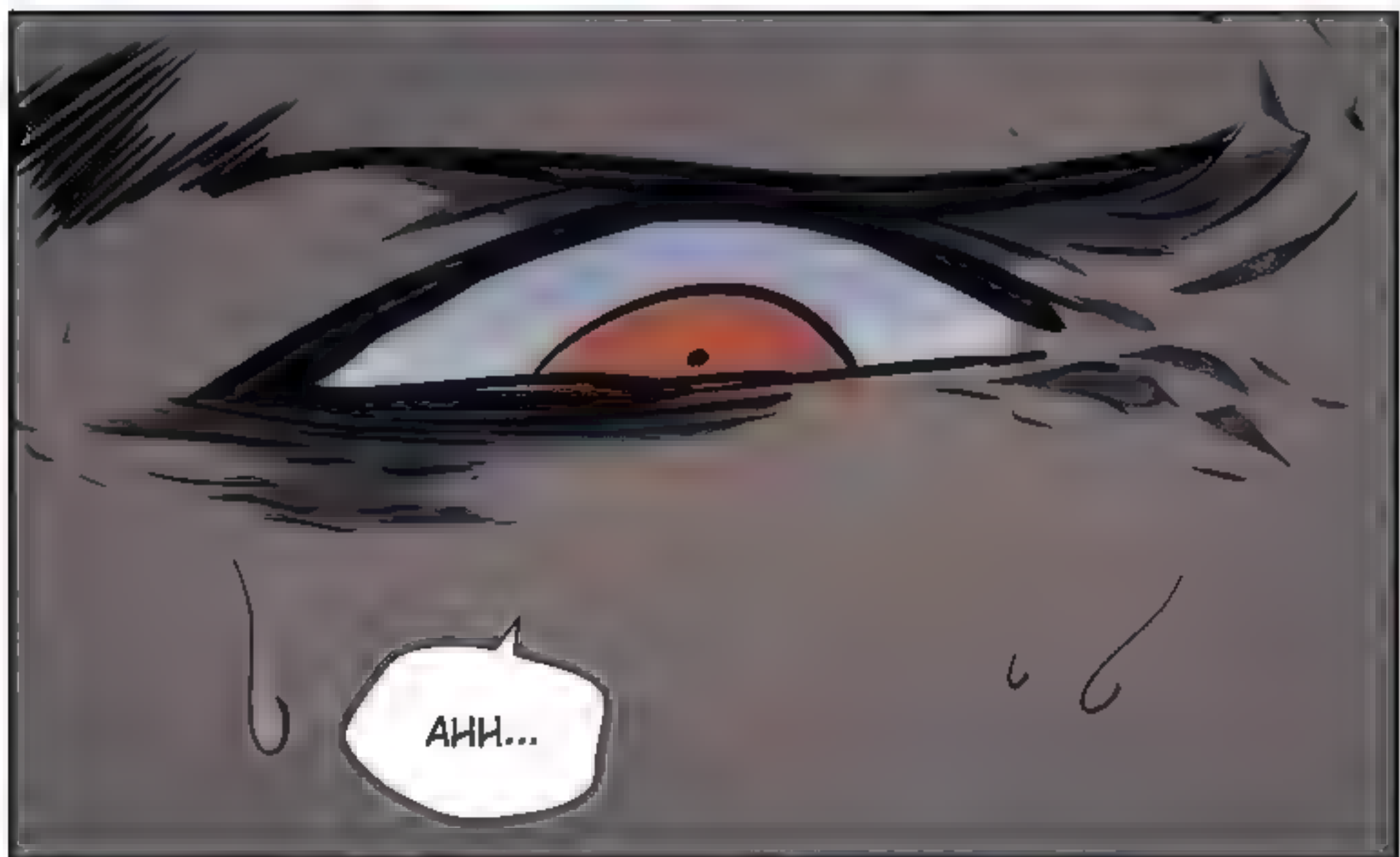
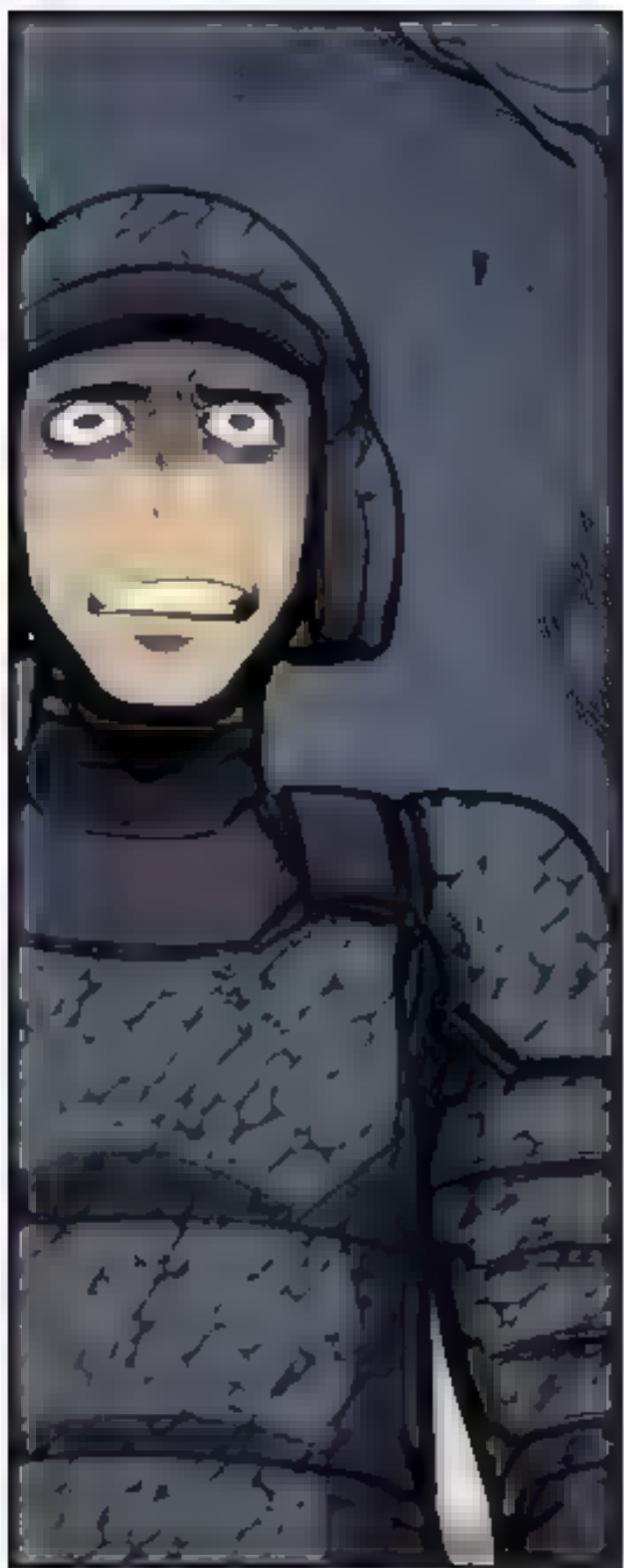
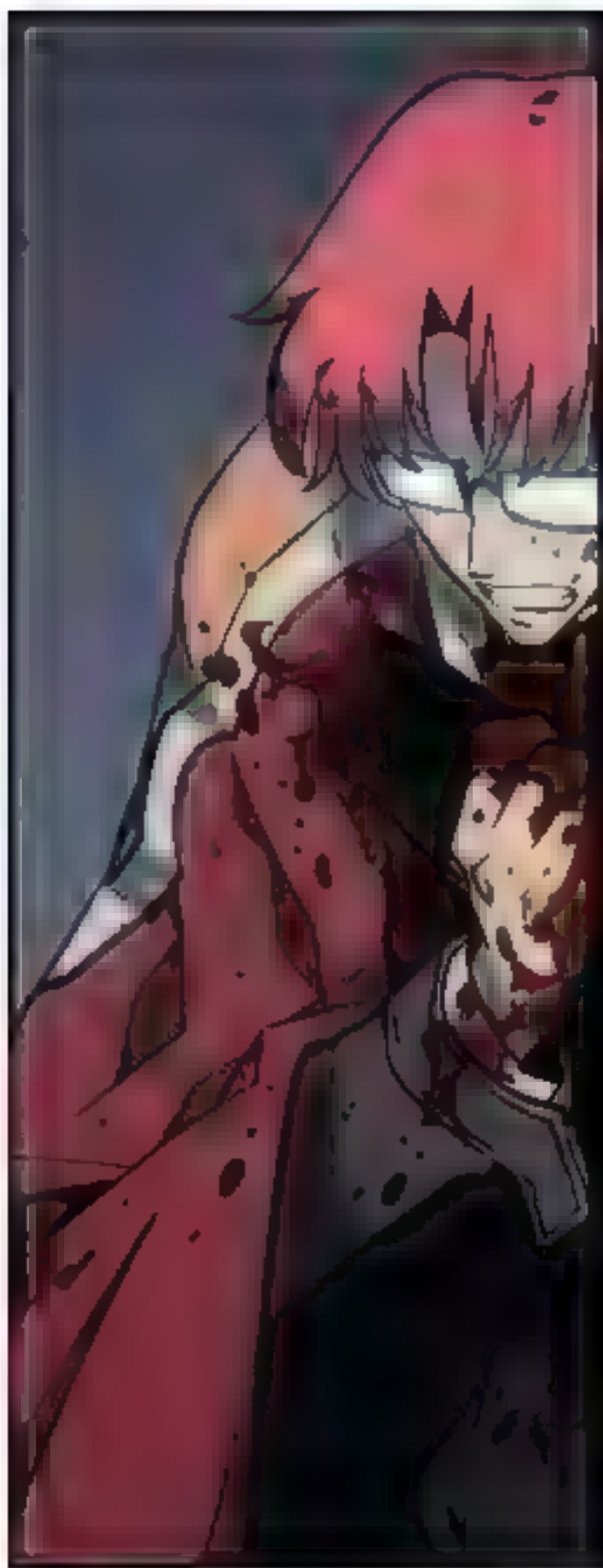


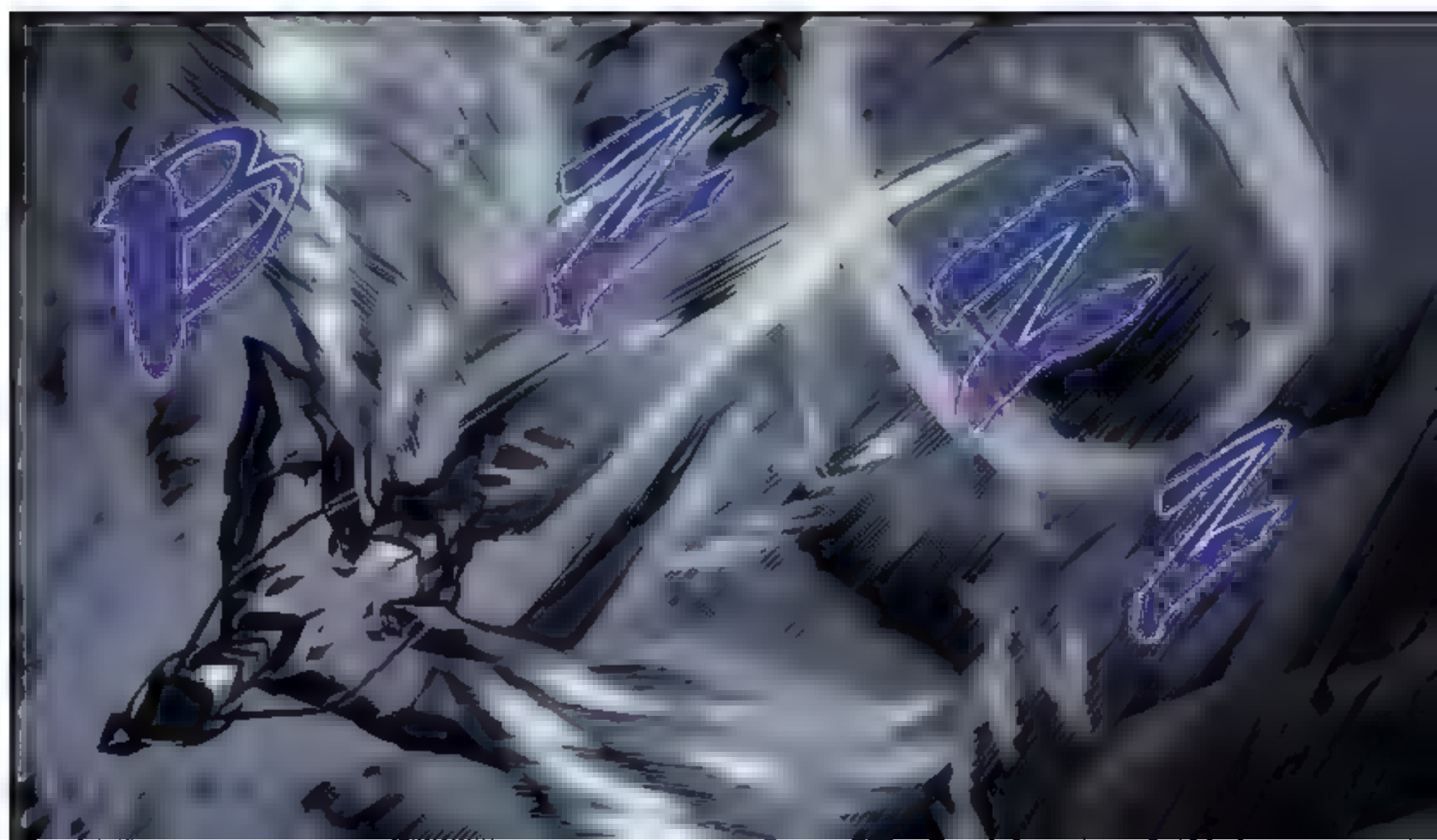
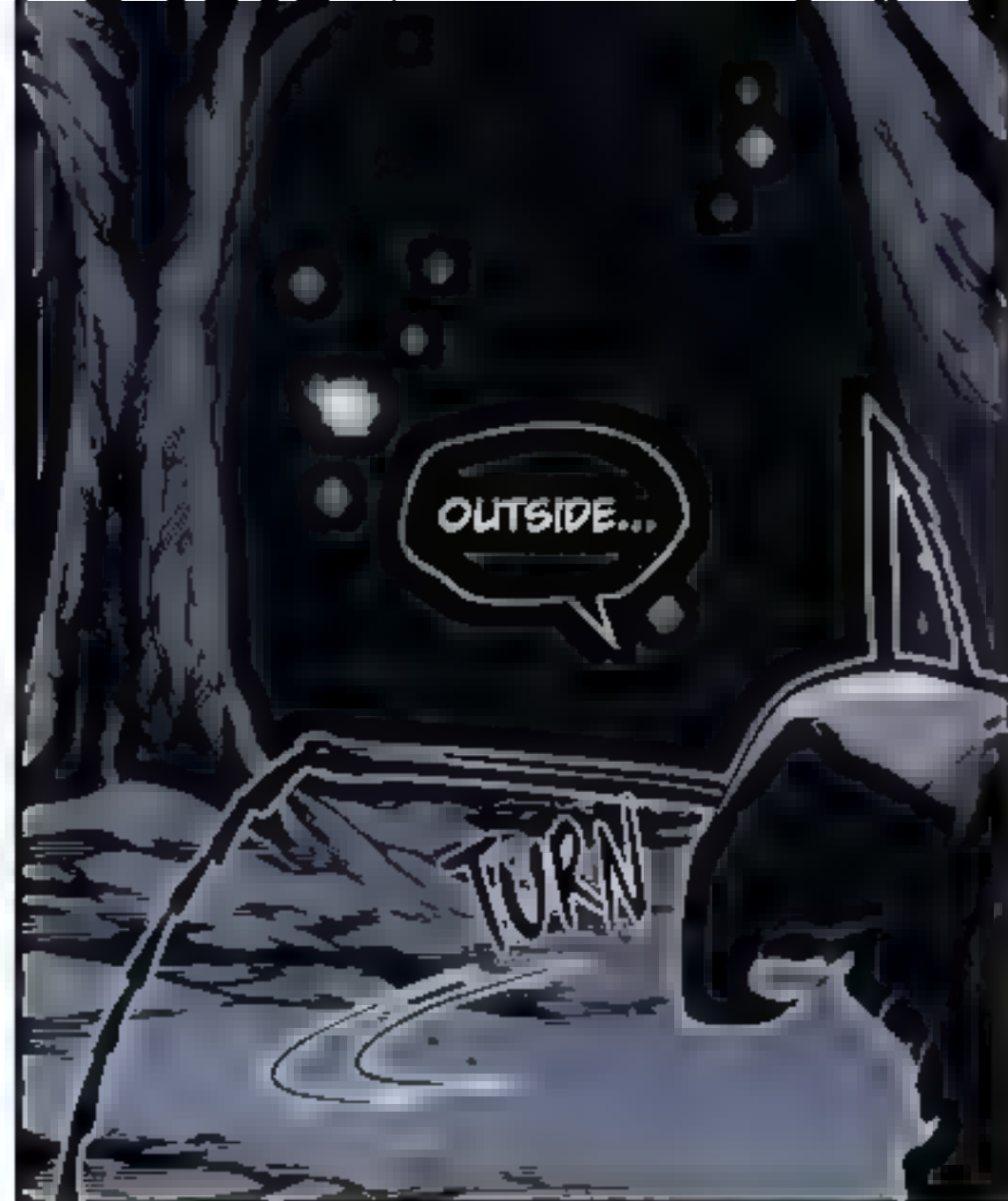
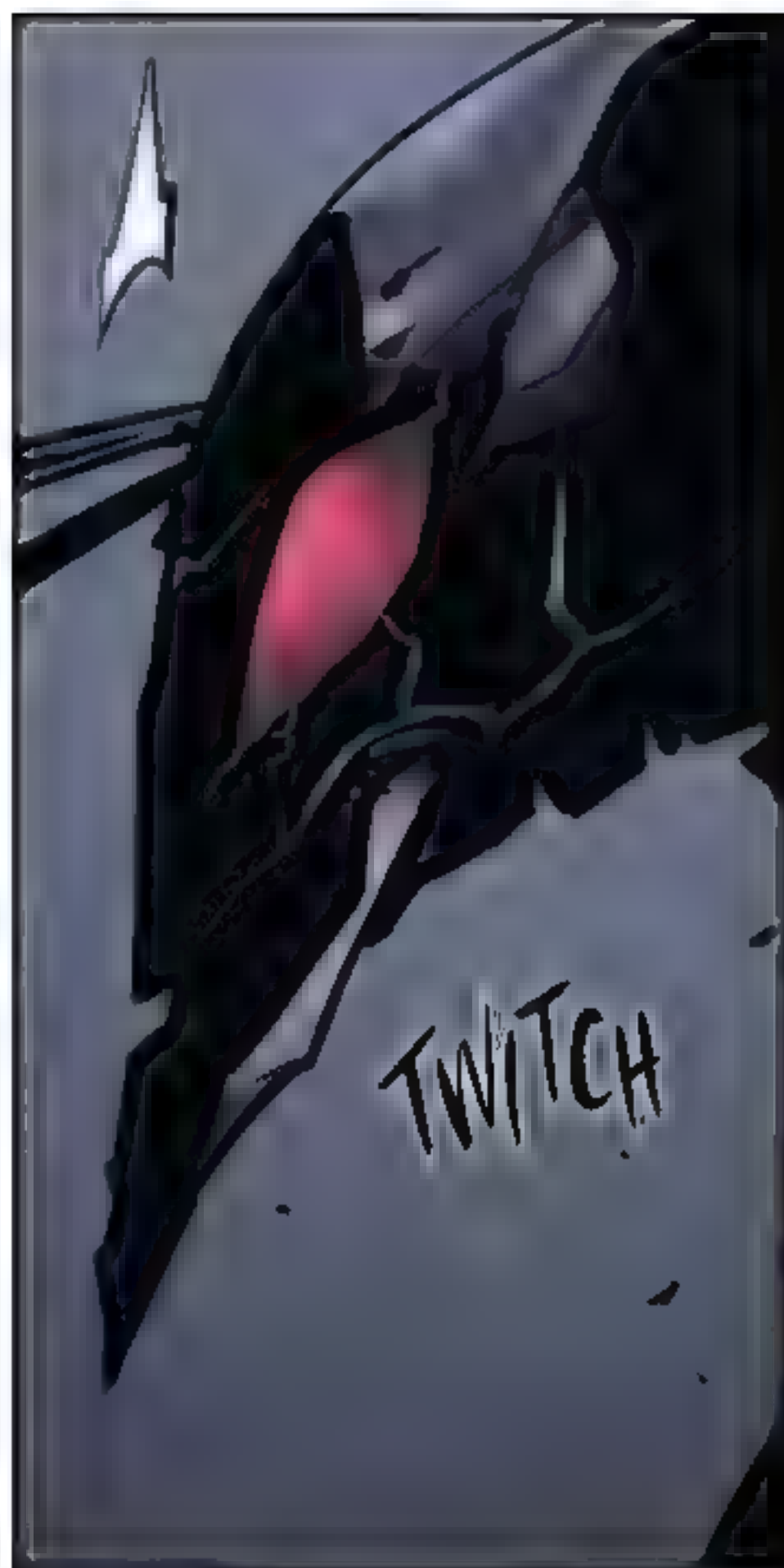
NOOOOO!!











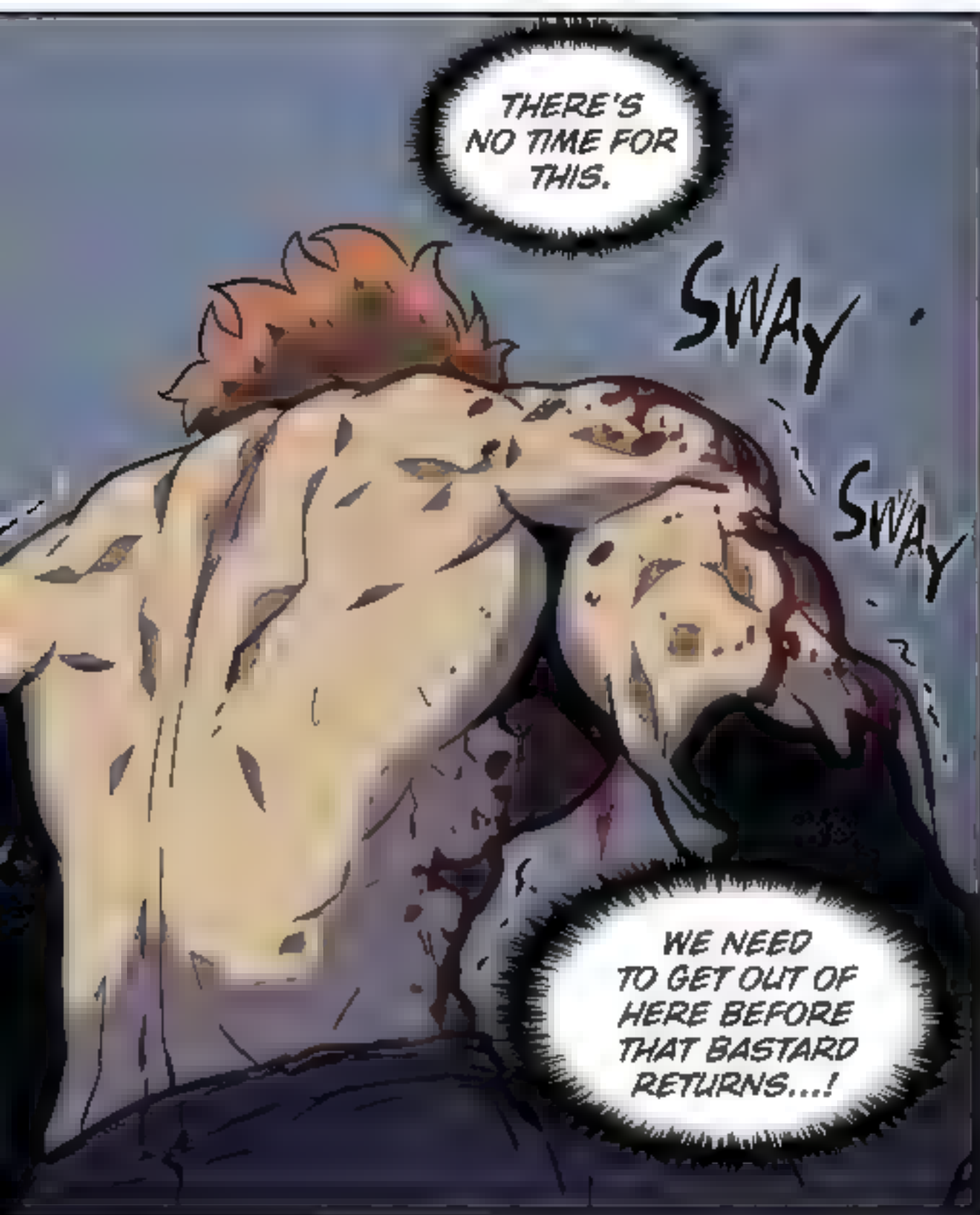


COUGH,
COUGH!



OUTSIDE...?

IS IT GOING
FOR RYUJI
GOTO...?

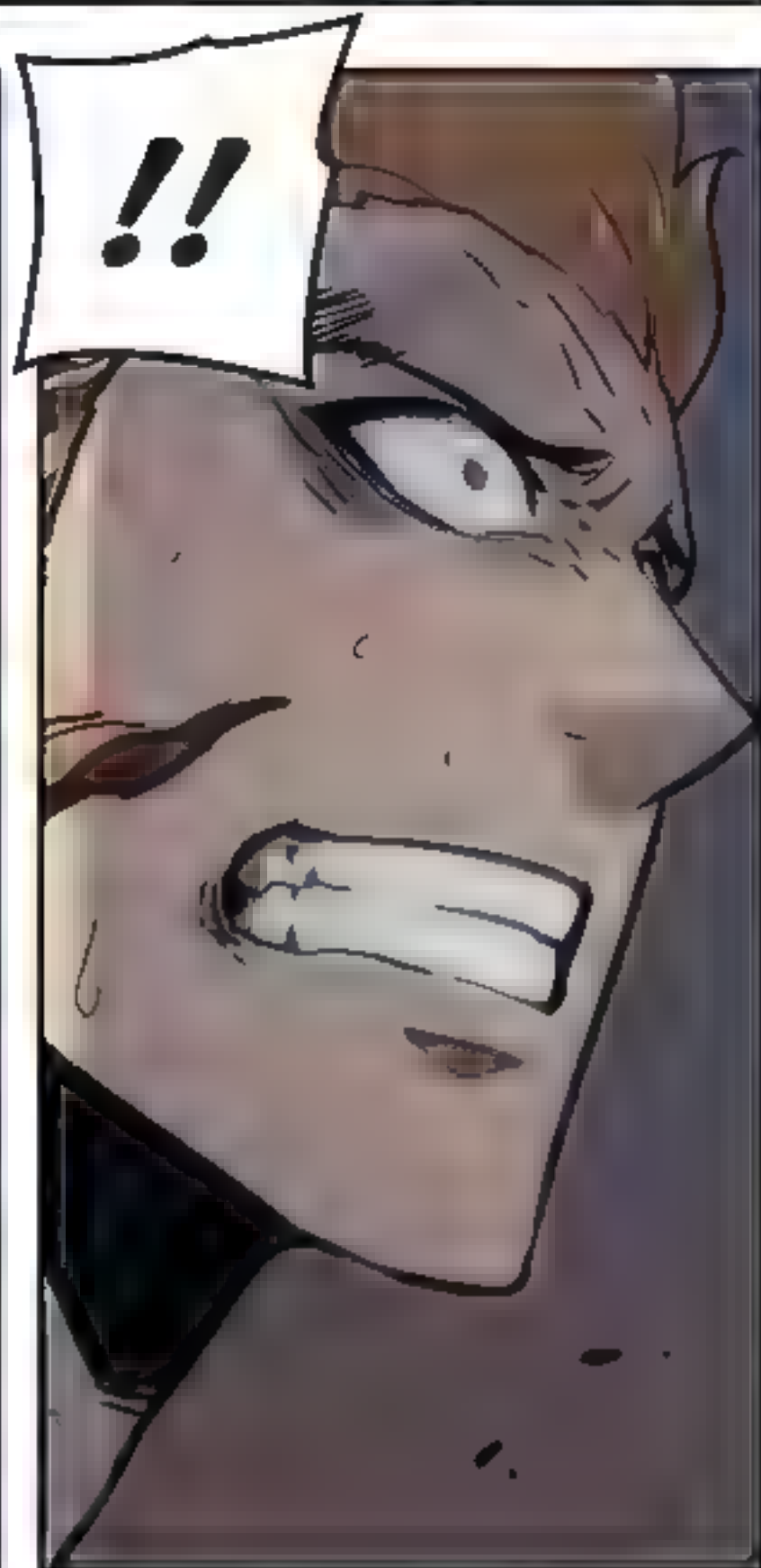


THERE'S
NO TIME FOR
THIS.

SWAY

SWAY

WE NEED
TO GET OUT OF
HERE BEFORE
THAT BASTARD
RETURNS...!

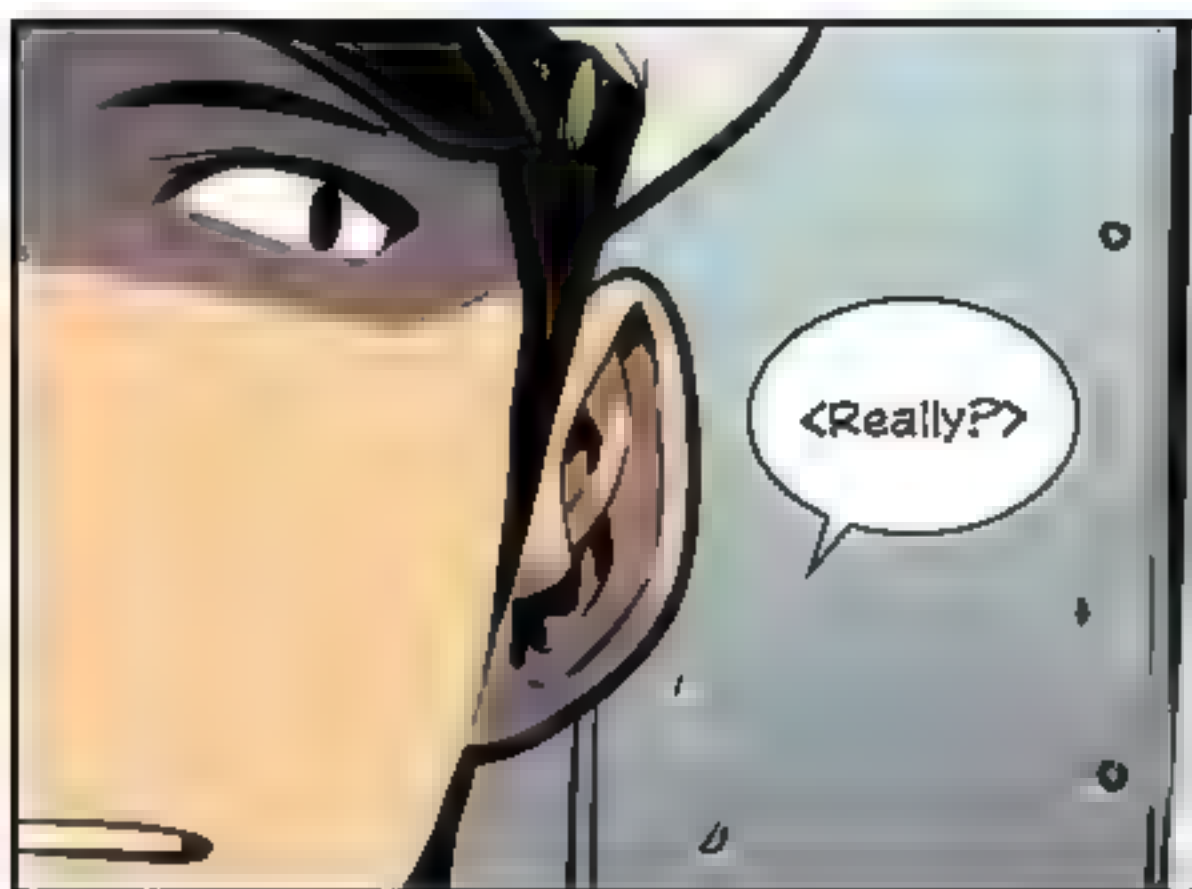


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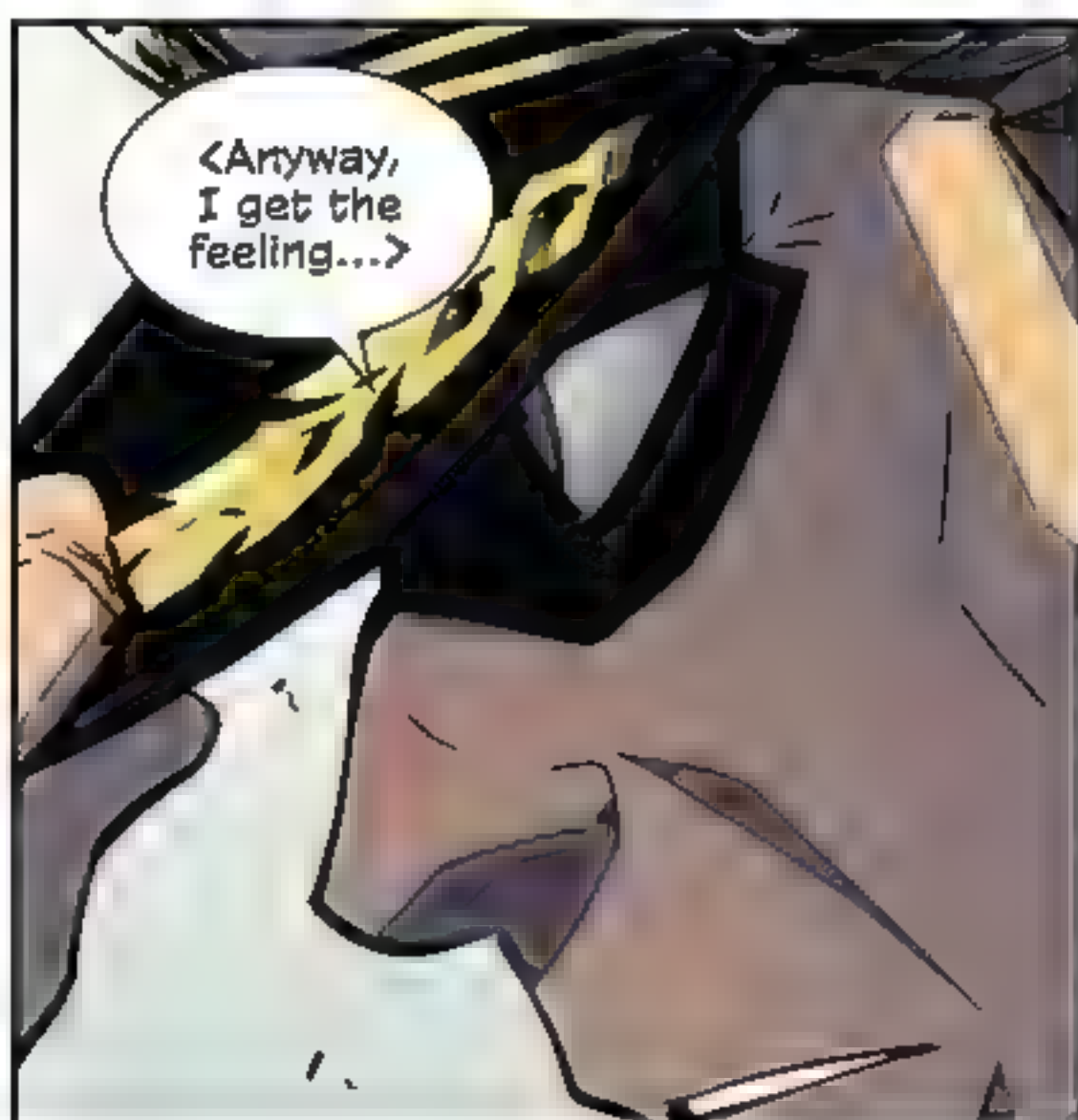




<Well, you'll see what I mean after you witness Zhigang Liu in action.>

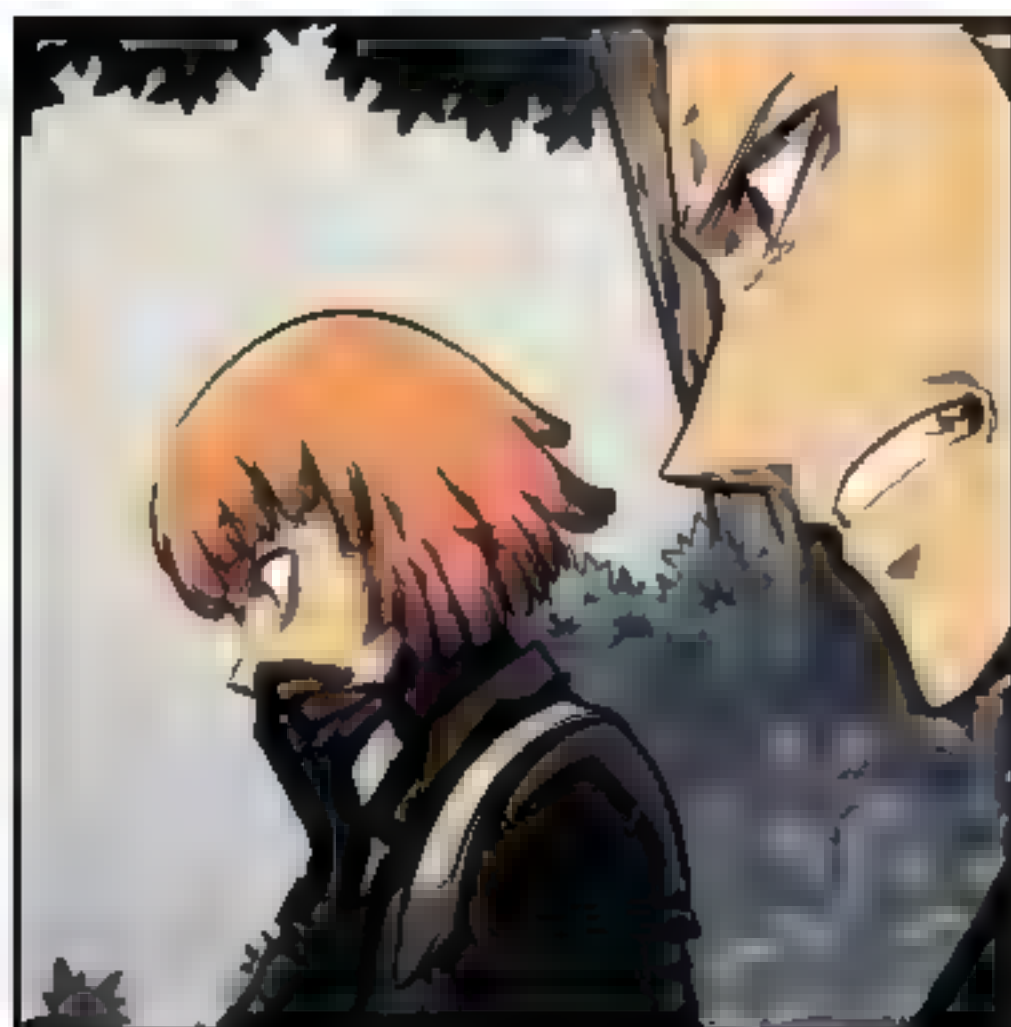
<Sounds like you're suddenly a fan of Zhigang Liu, Captain.>

<You could say that.>



<Anyway, I get the feeling...>

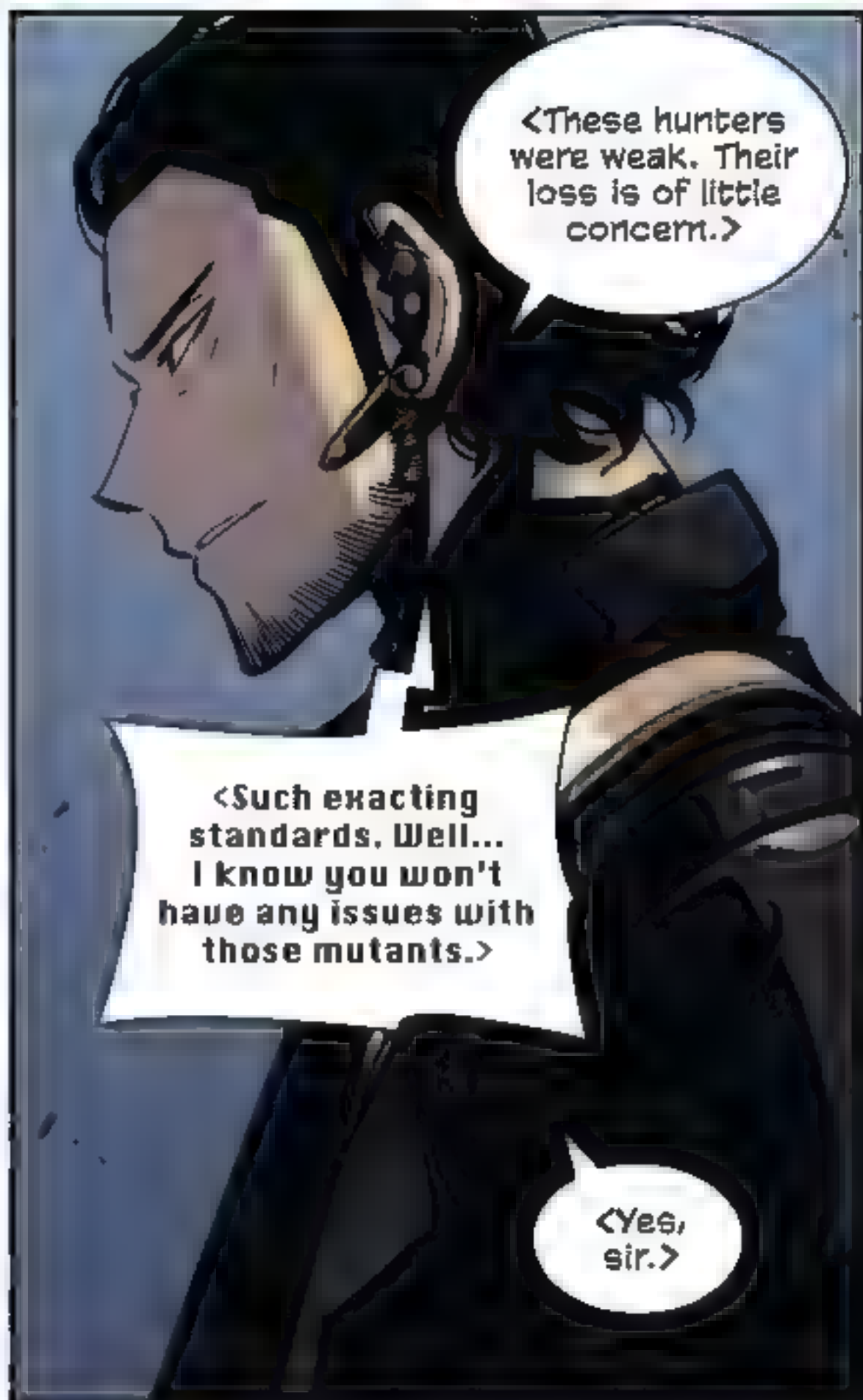
<...one side is going to bear the brunt of the price of this battle.>





<Unnecessary losses...
Weren't ours
only supposed
to deal with the
mutants?>

<That's
right.>



<These hunters
were weak. Their
loss is of little
concern.>

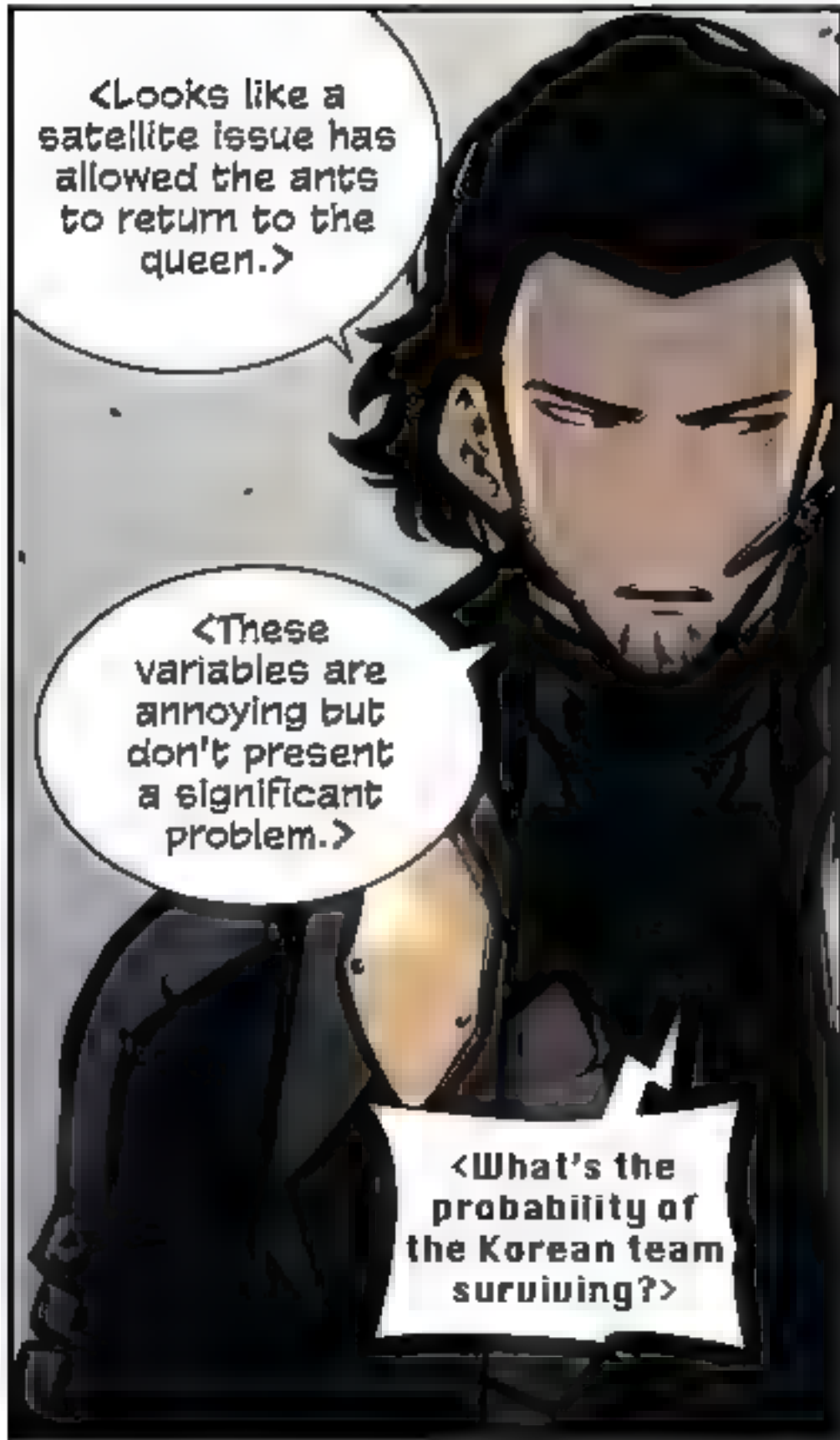
<Such exacting
standards. Well...
I know you won't
have any issues with
those mutants.>

<Yes,
sir.>



<Is the
Korean team
dealing with the
queen now?>

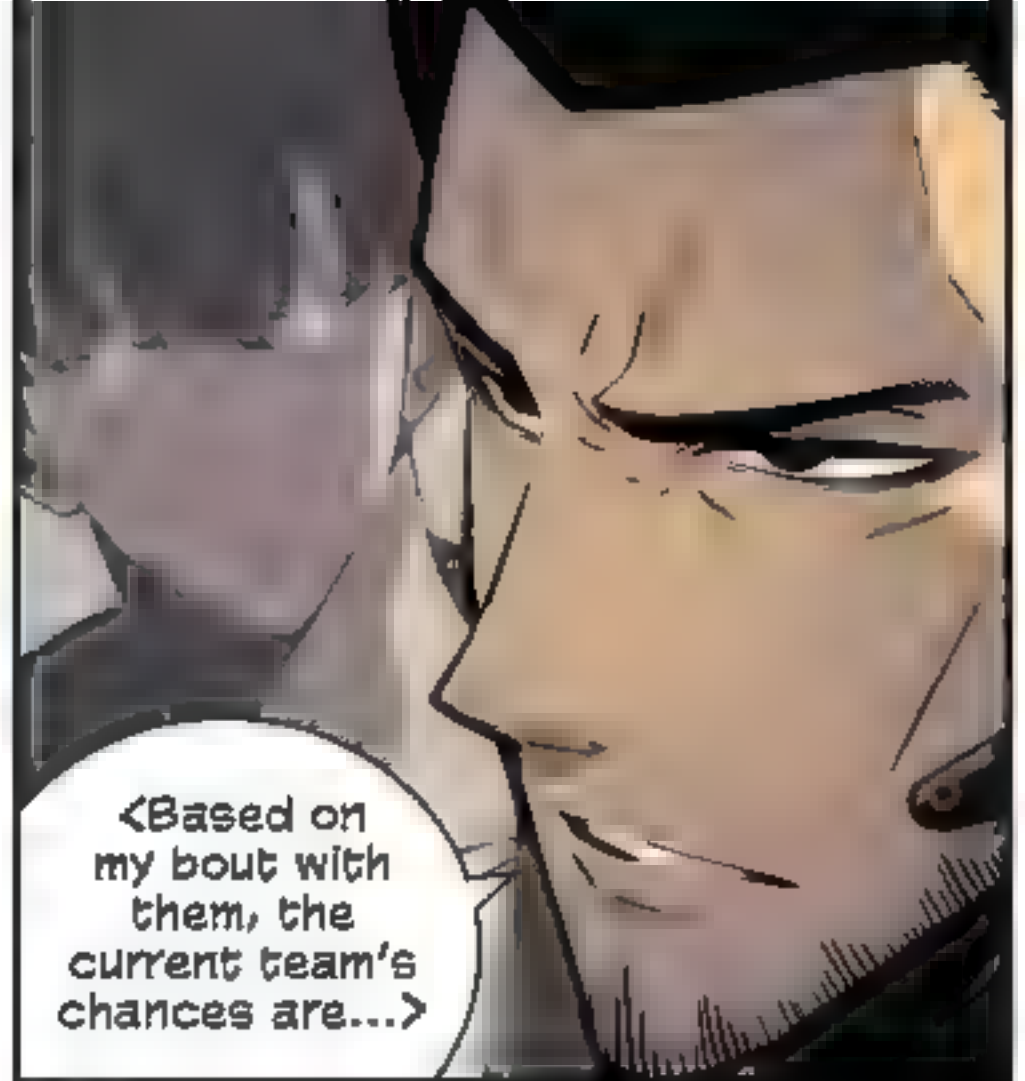
<That's
correct.>



<Looks like a satellite issue has allowed the ants to return to the queen.>

<These variables are annoying but don't present a significant problem.>

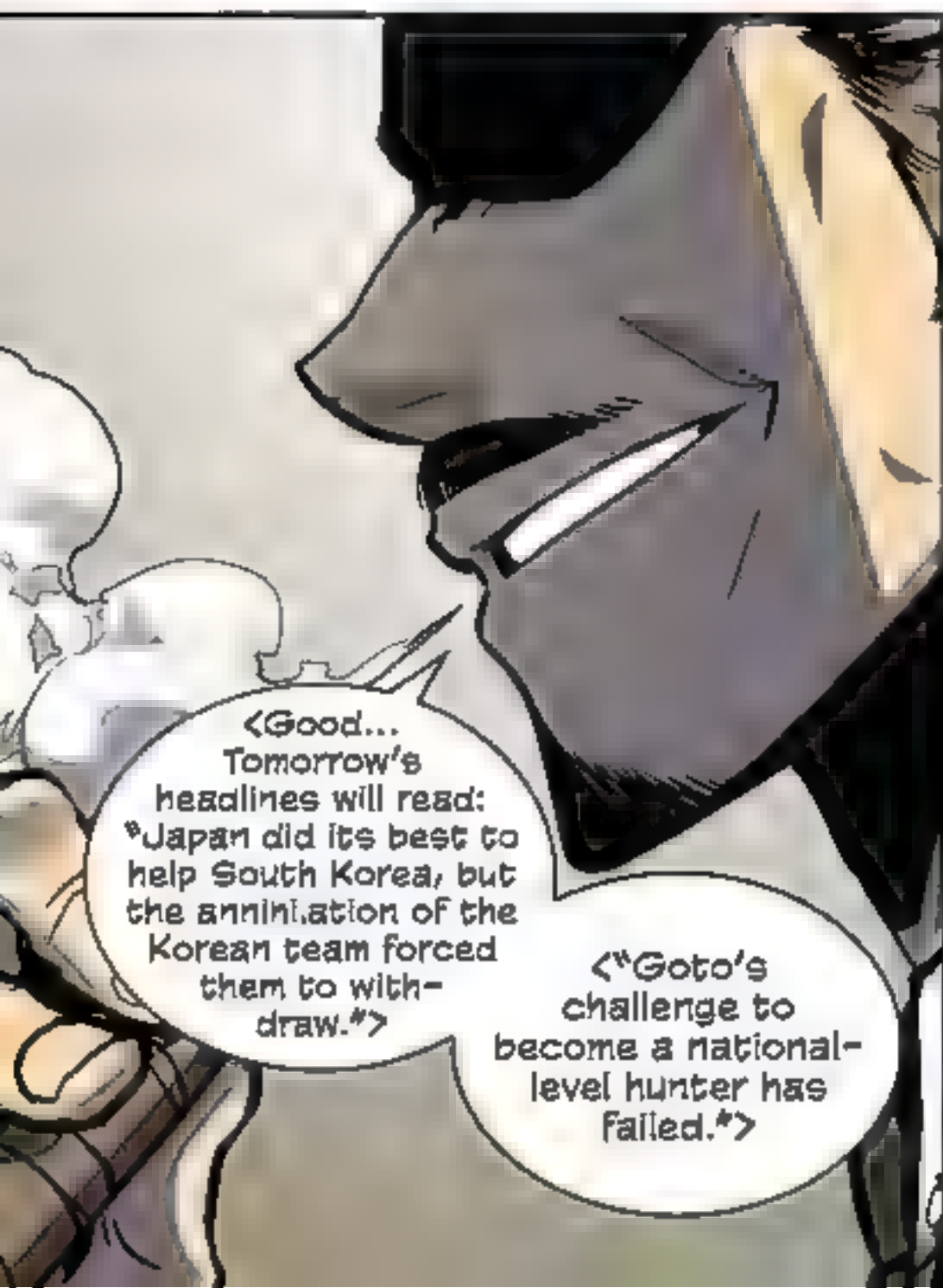
<What's the probability of the Korean team surviving?>



<Based on my bout with them, the current team's chances are...>

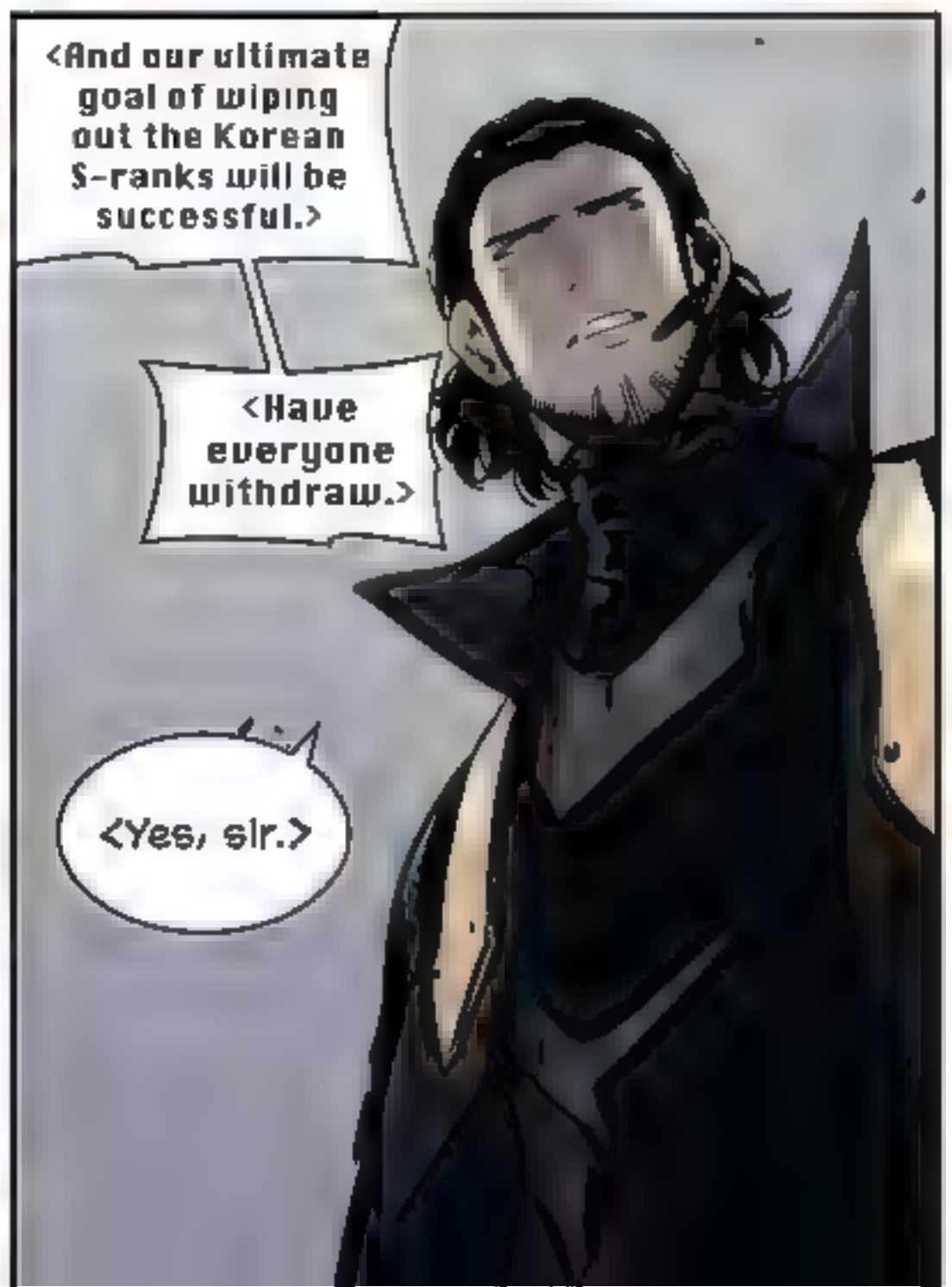


<...zero percent.>



<Good... Tomorrow's headlines will read: "Japan did its best to help South Korea, but the annihilation of the Korean team forced them to withdraw.">

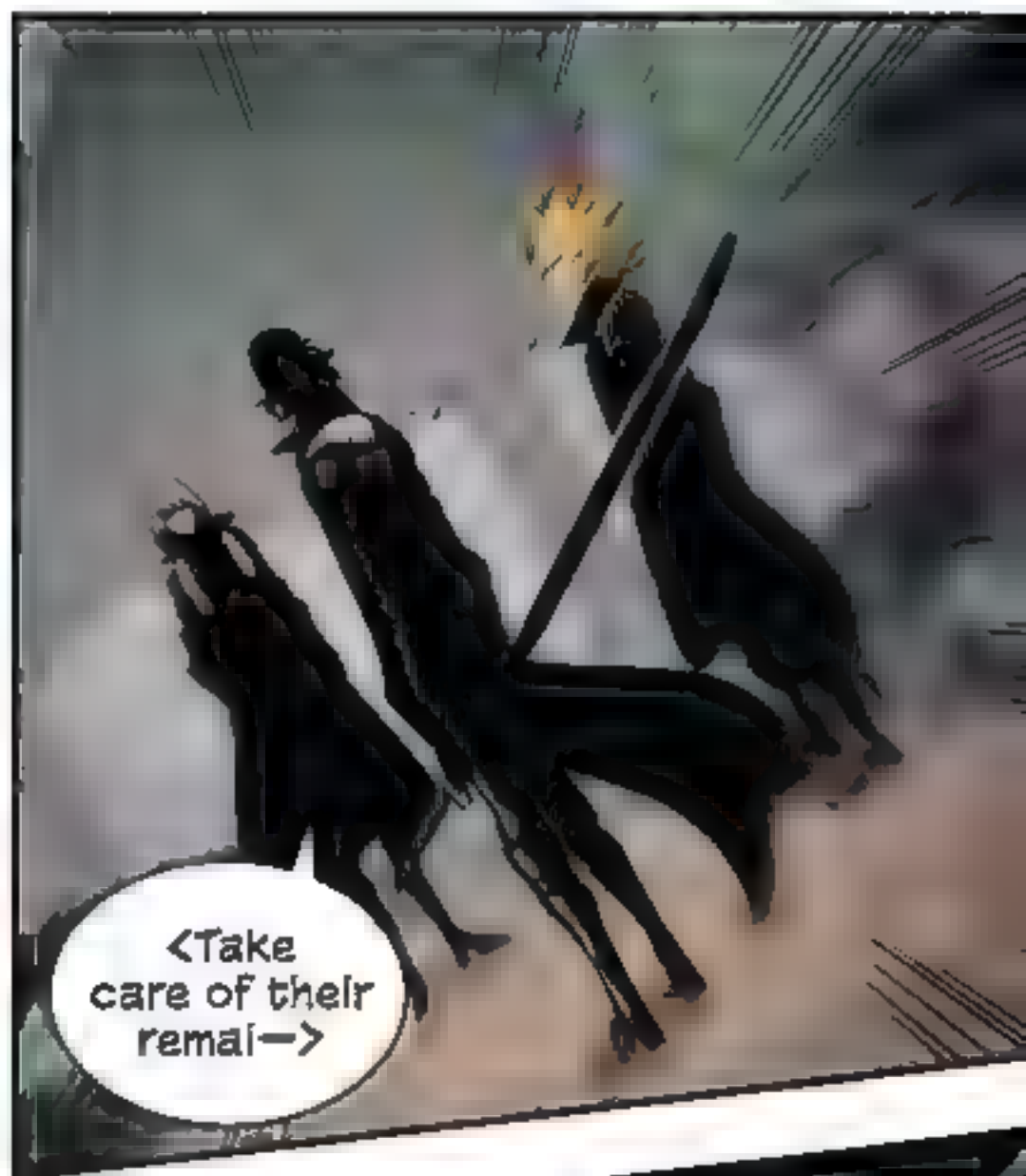
<"Goto's challenge to become a national-level hunter has failed.">

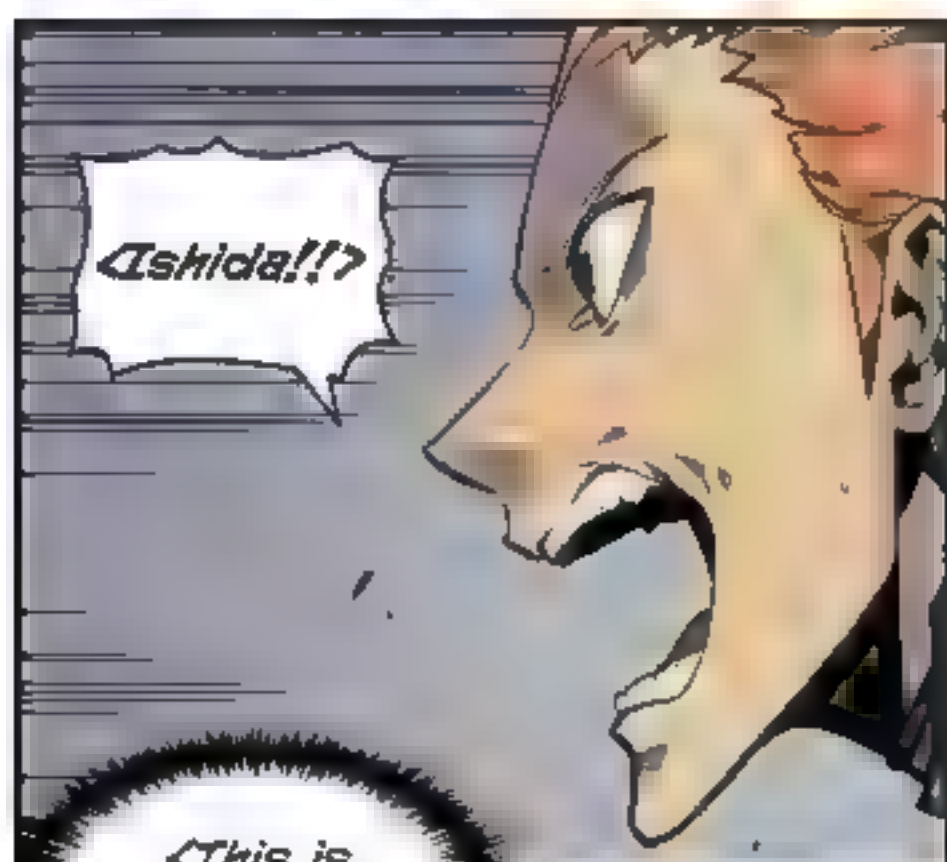


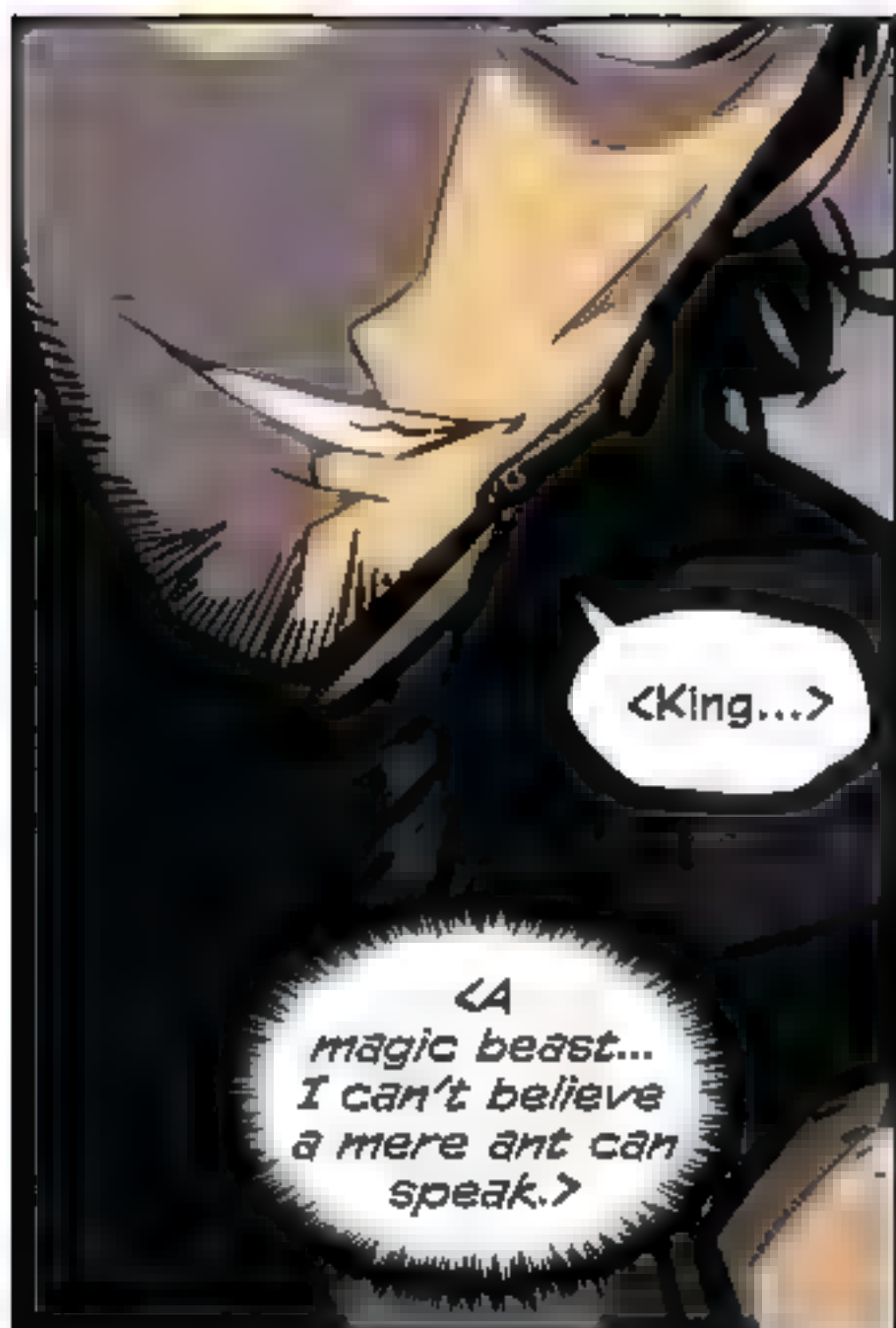
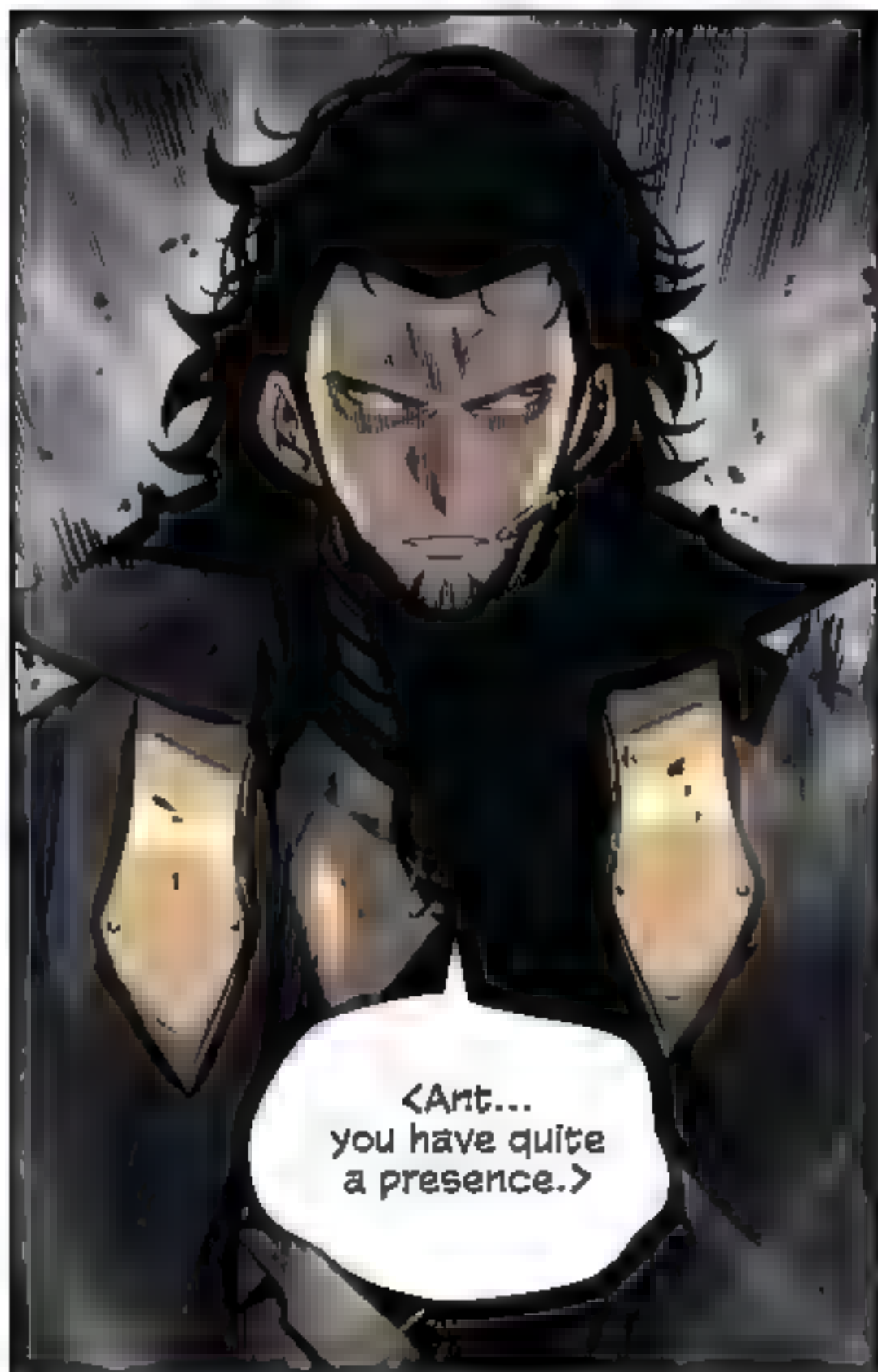
<And our ultimate goal of wiping out the Korean S-ranks will be successful.>

<Have everyone withdraw.>

<Yes, sir.>









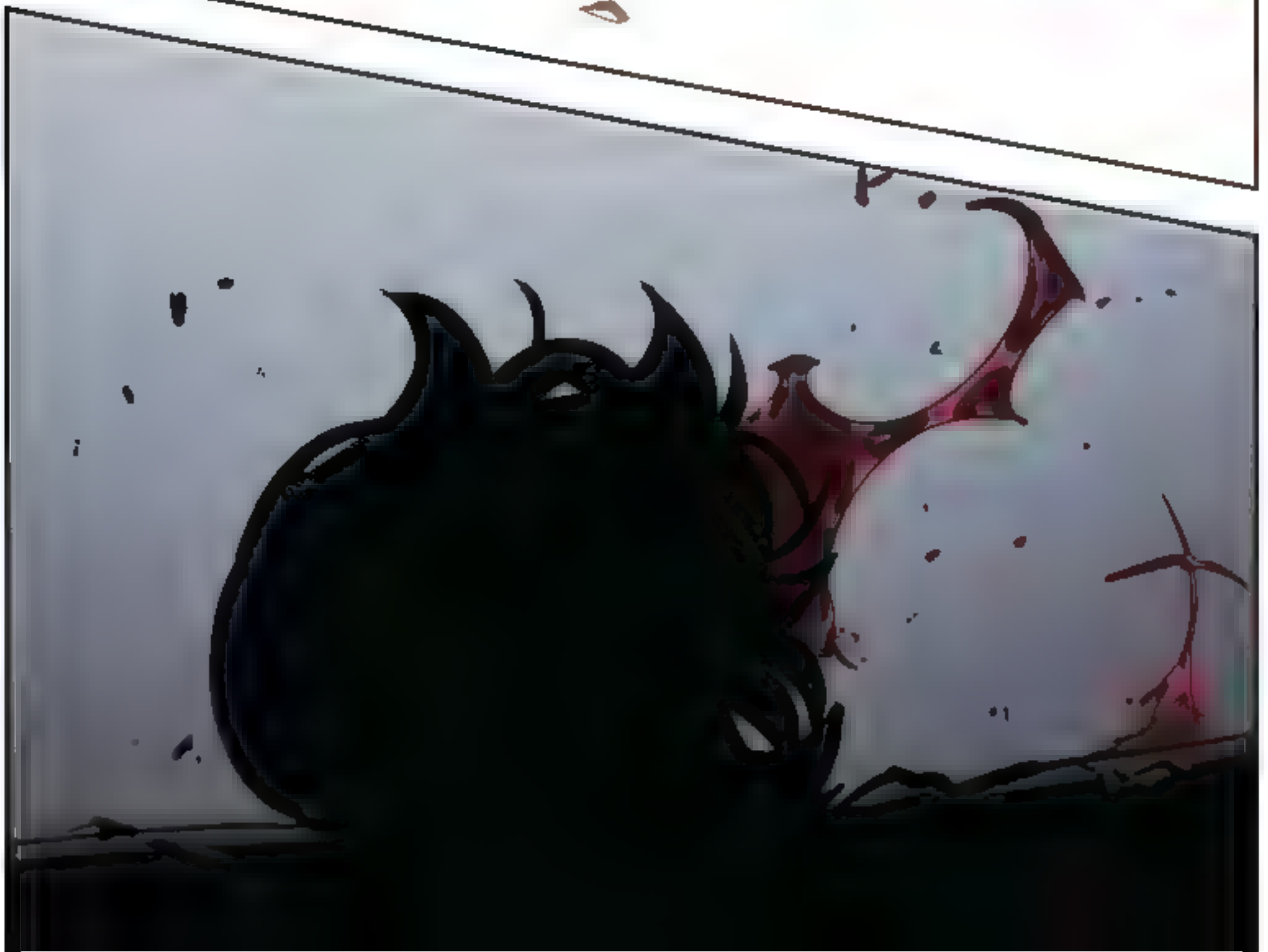
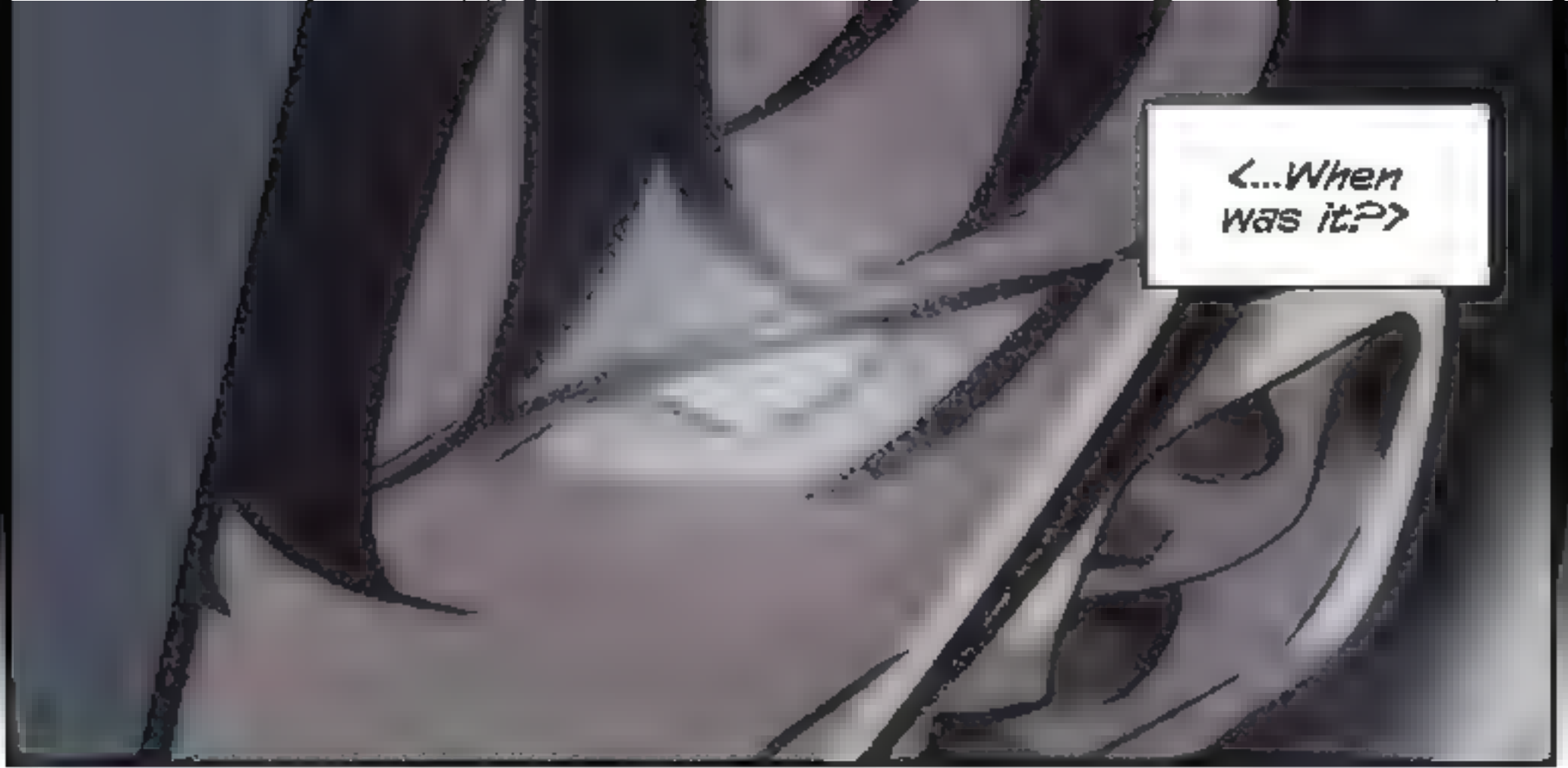
<Heh.>

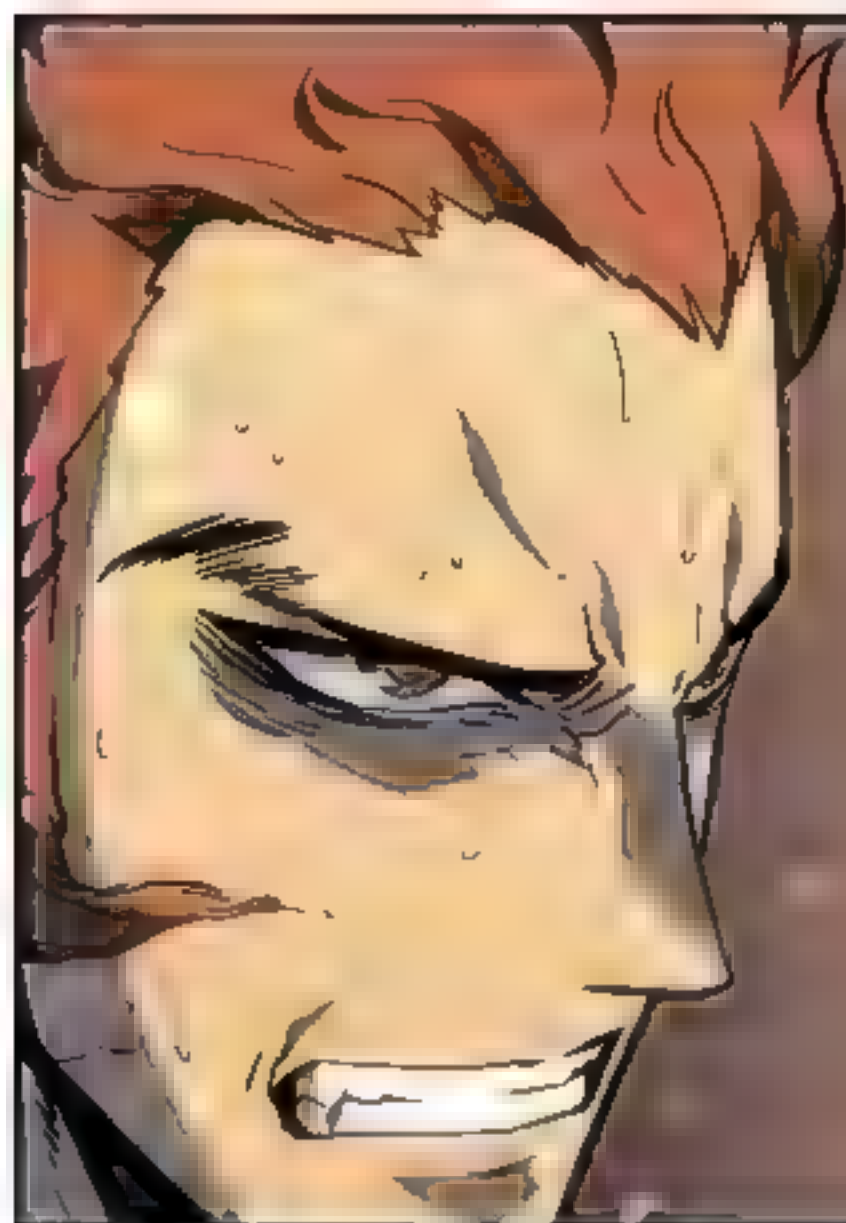


*<What is
this magic
power...?>*

*<I have
experi-
enced...>*

*<...a sensation
like this just
once before.>*

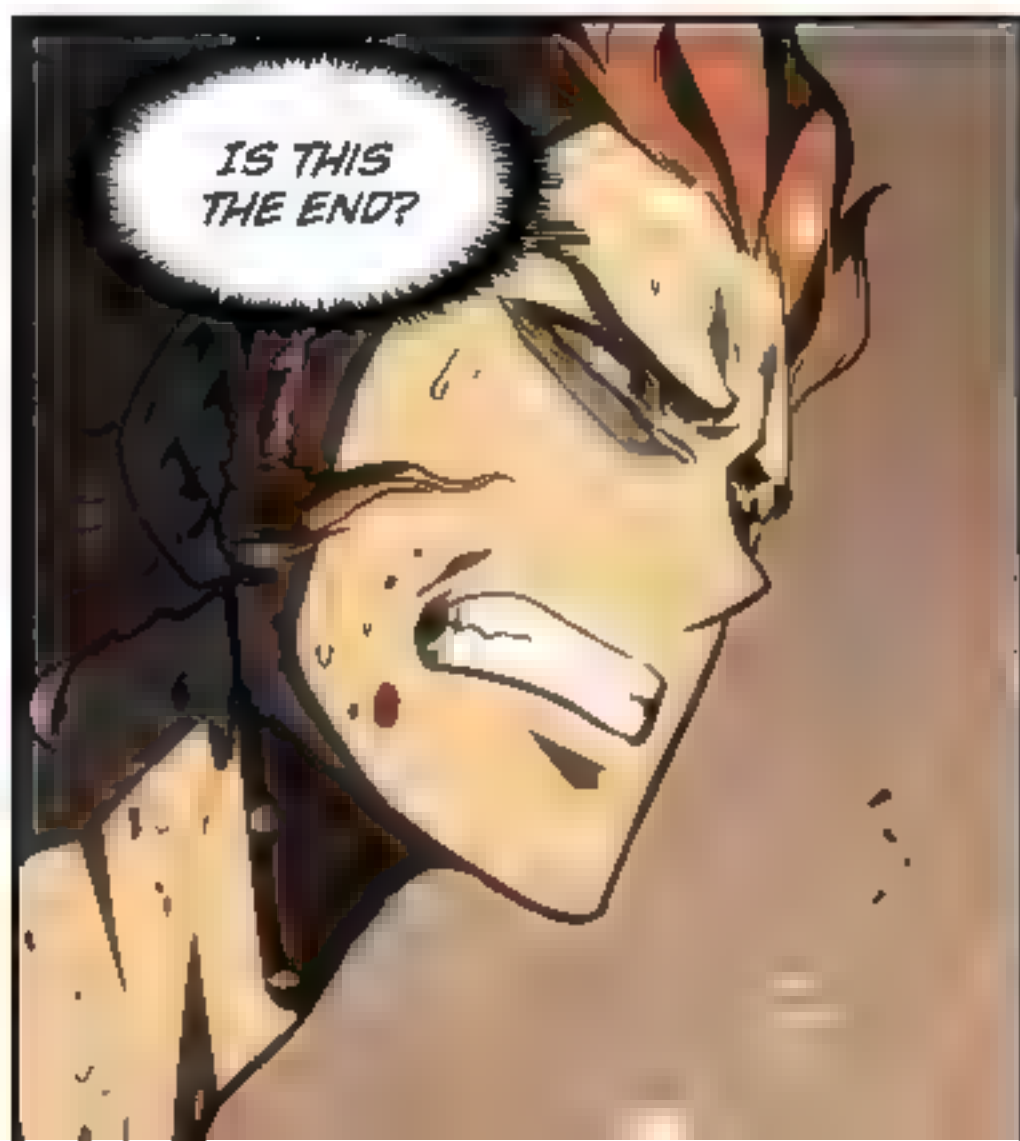
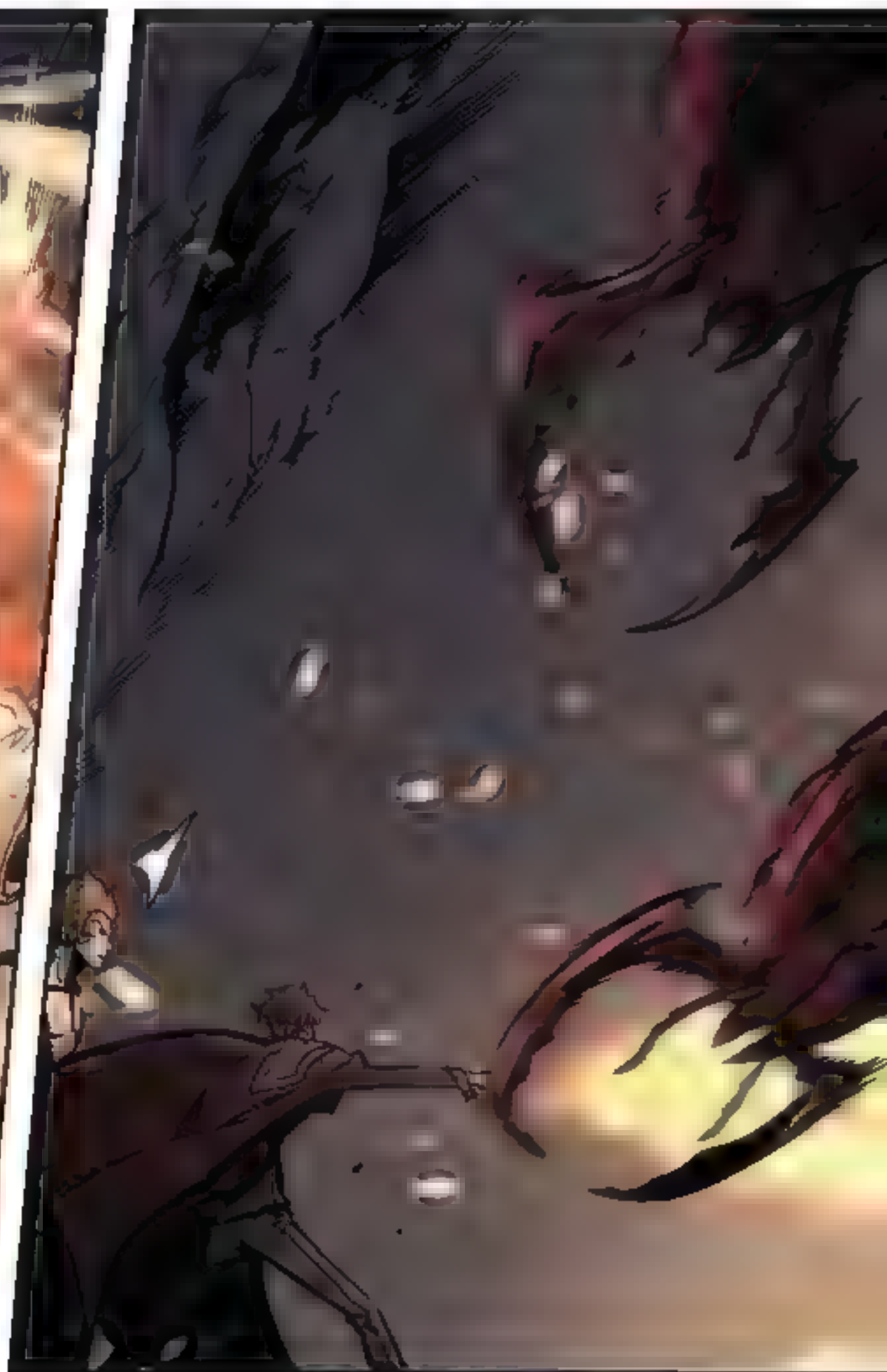
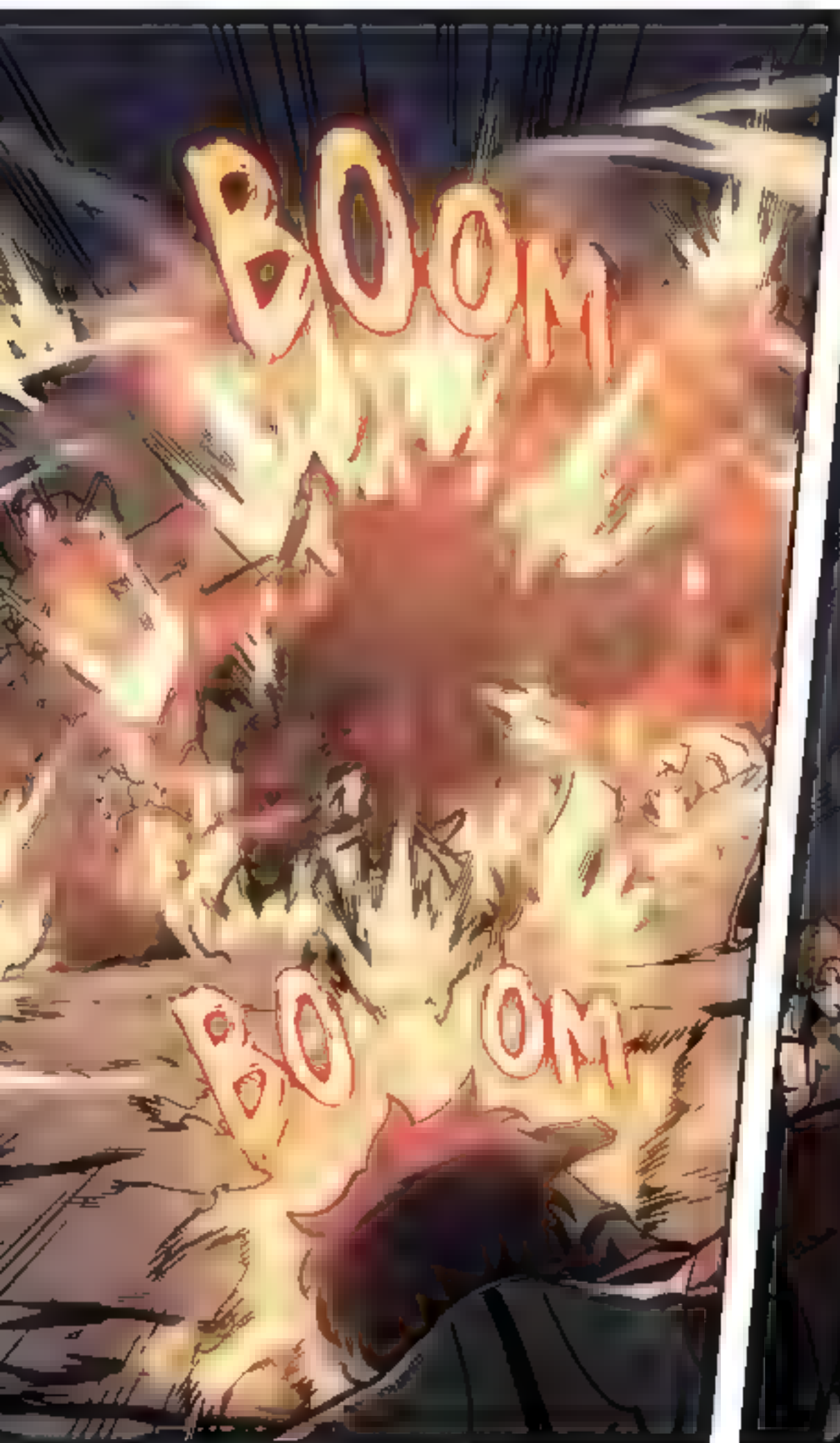


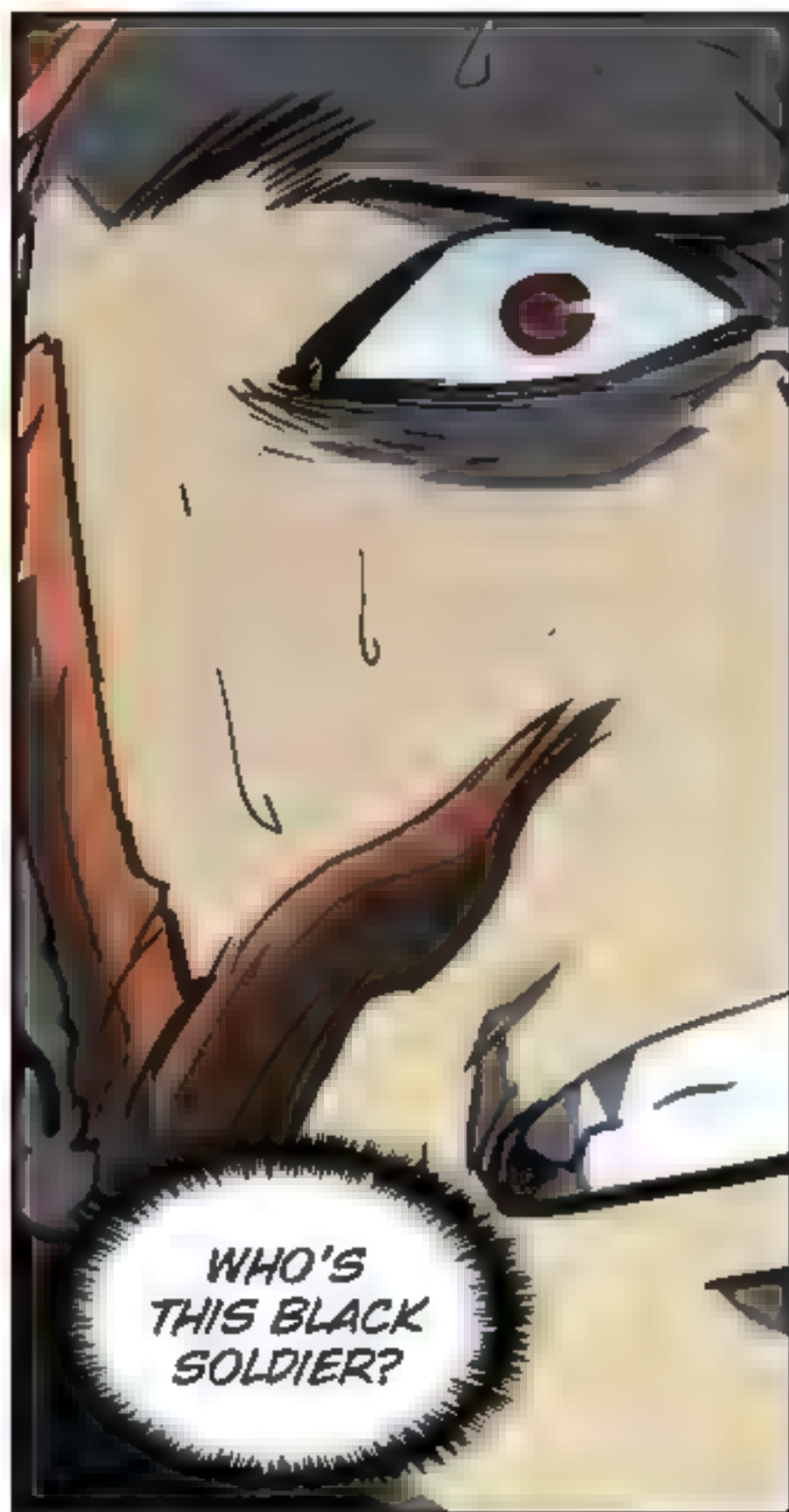


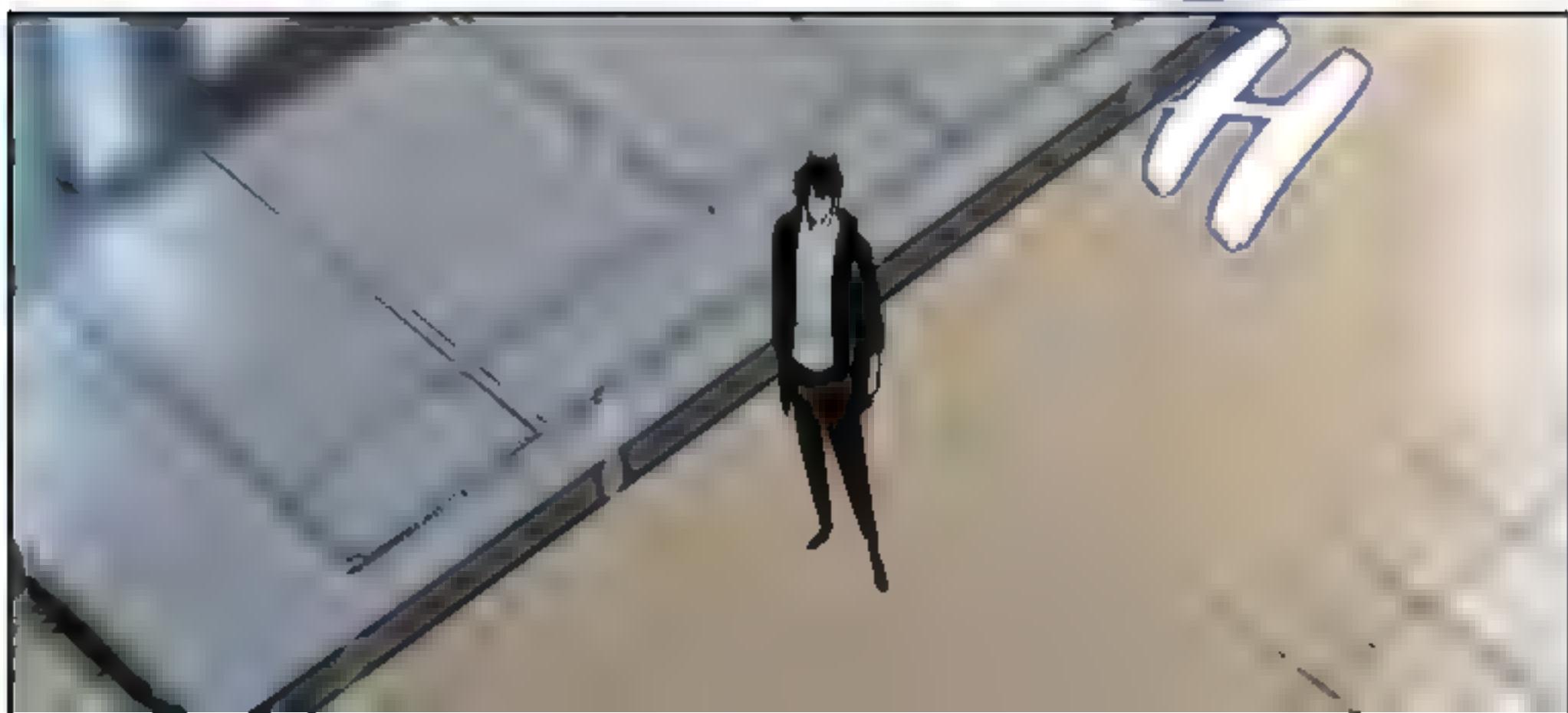
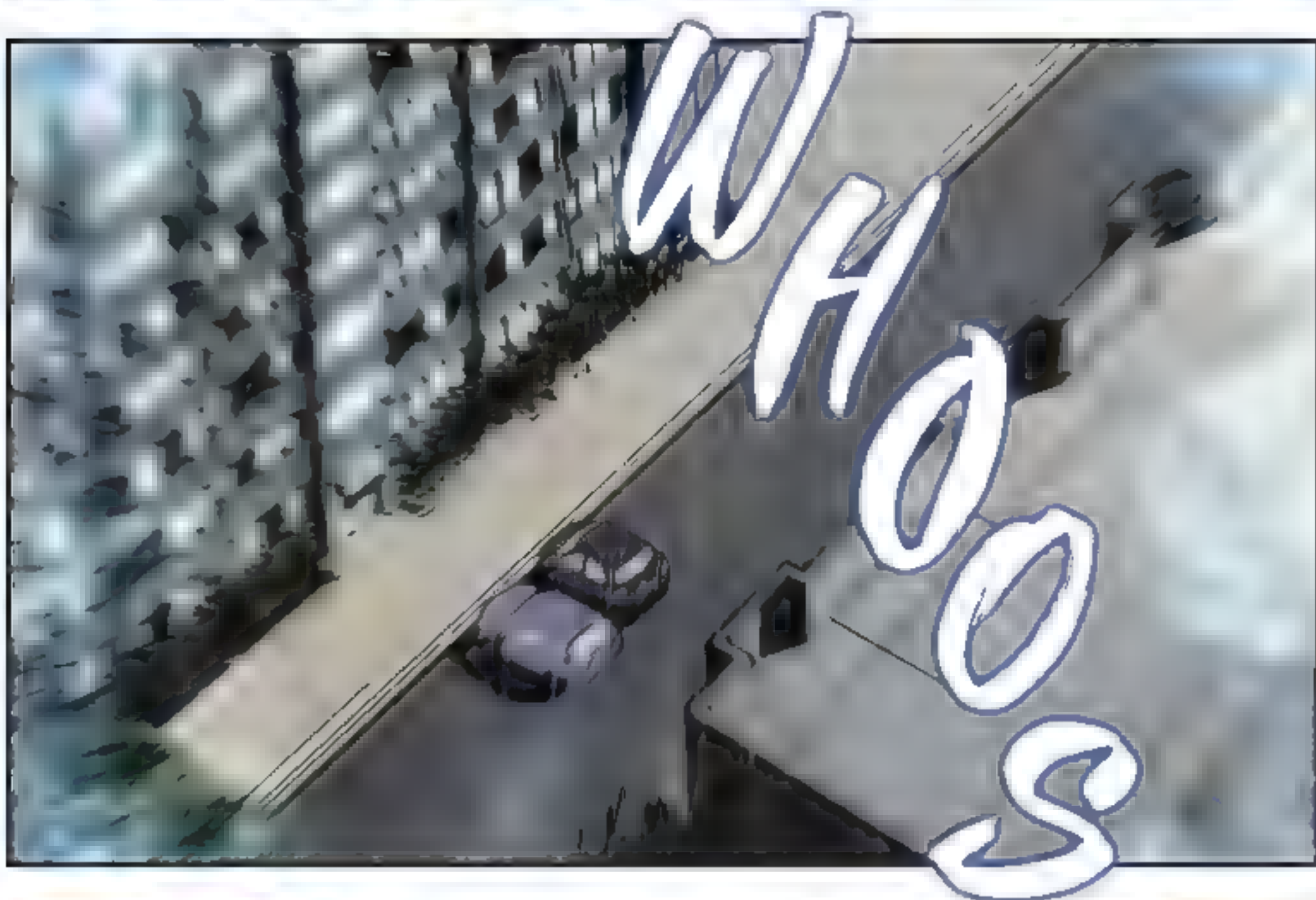
EVERYONE
HAS CRITICAL
INJURIES.

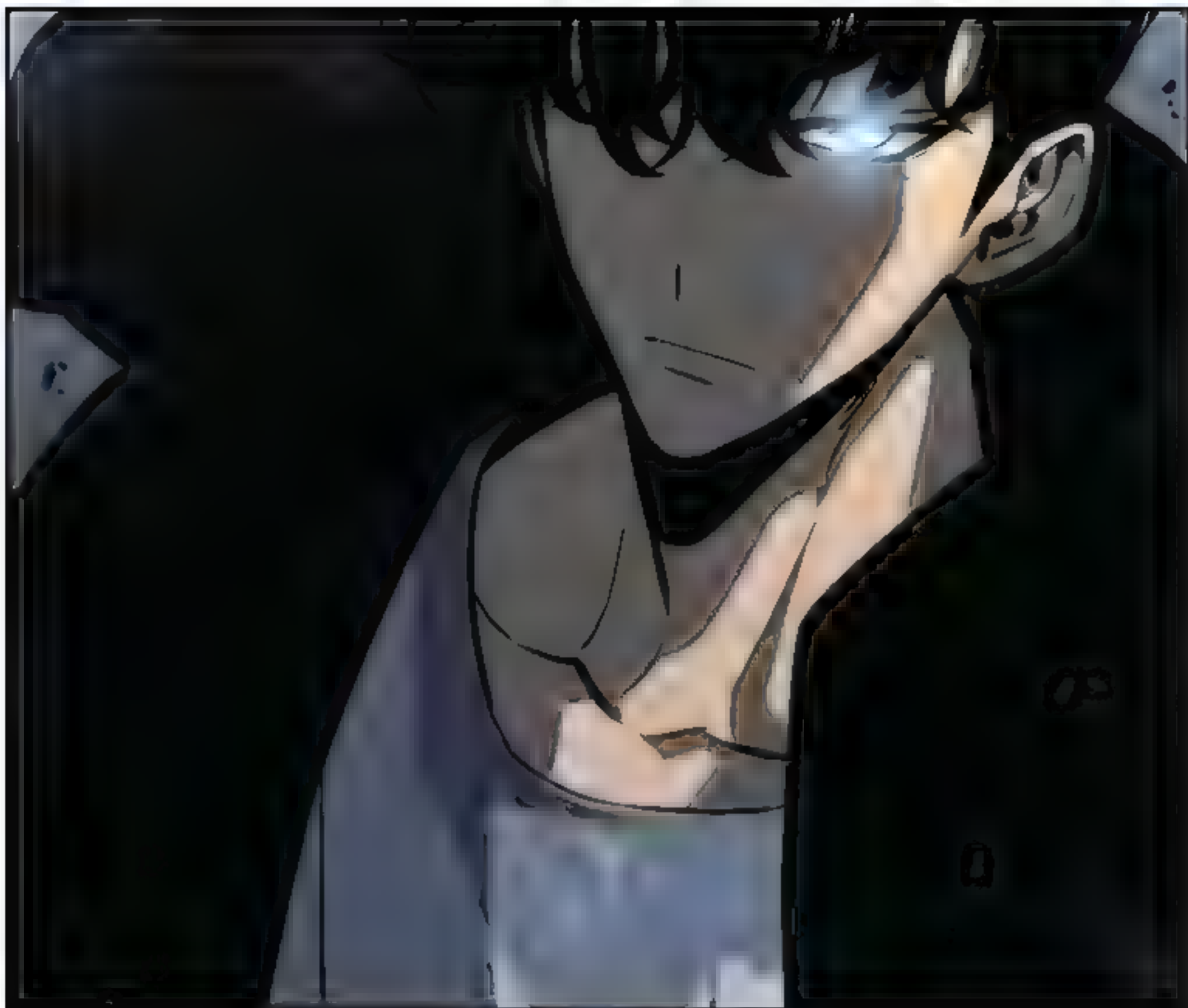
EVEN WITH
BYUNGGLU'S QUICK
TREATMENT, WE
AREN'T BACK TO
NORMAL.

OUR ONLY
CHANCE IS
JONGIN CHOI'S
HIGH-POWERED
FIRE MAGIC...!





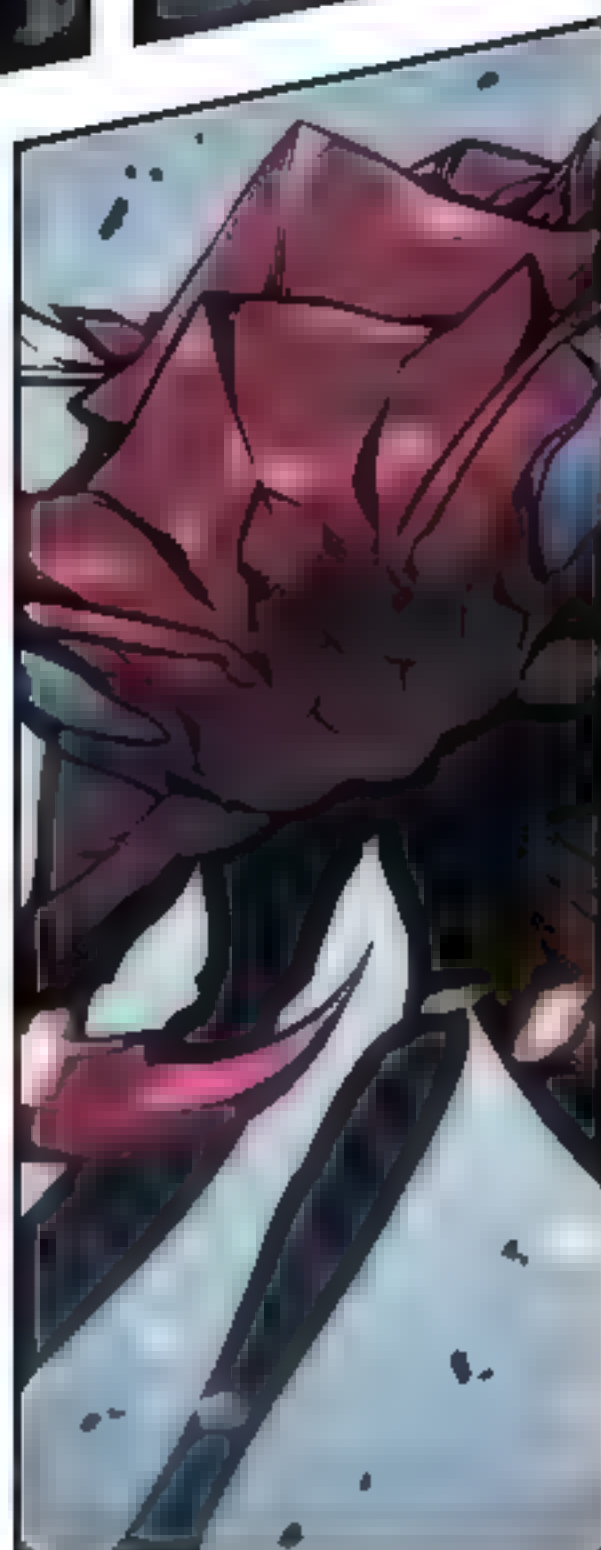
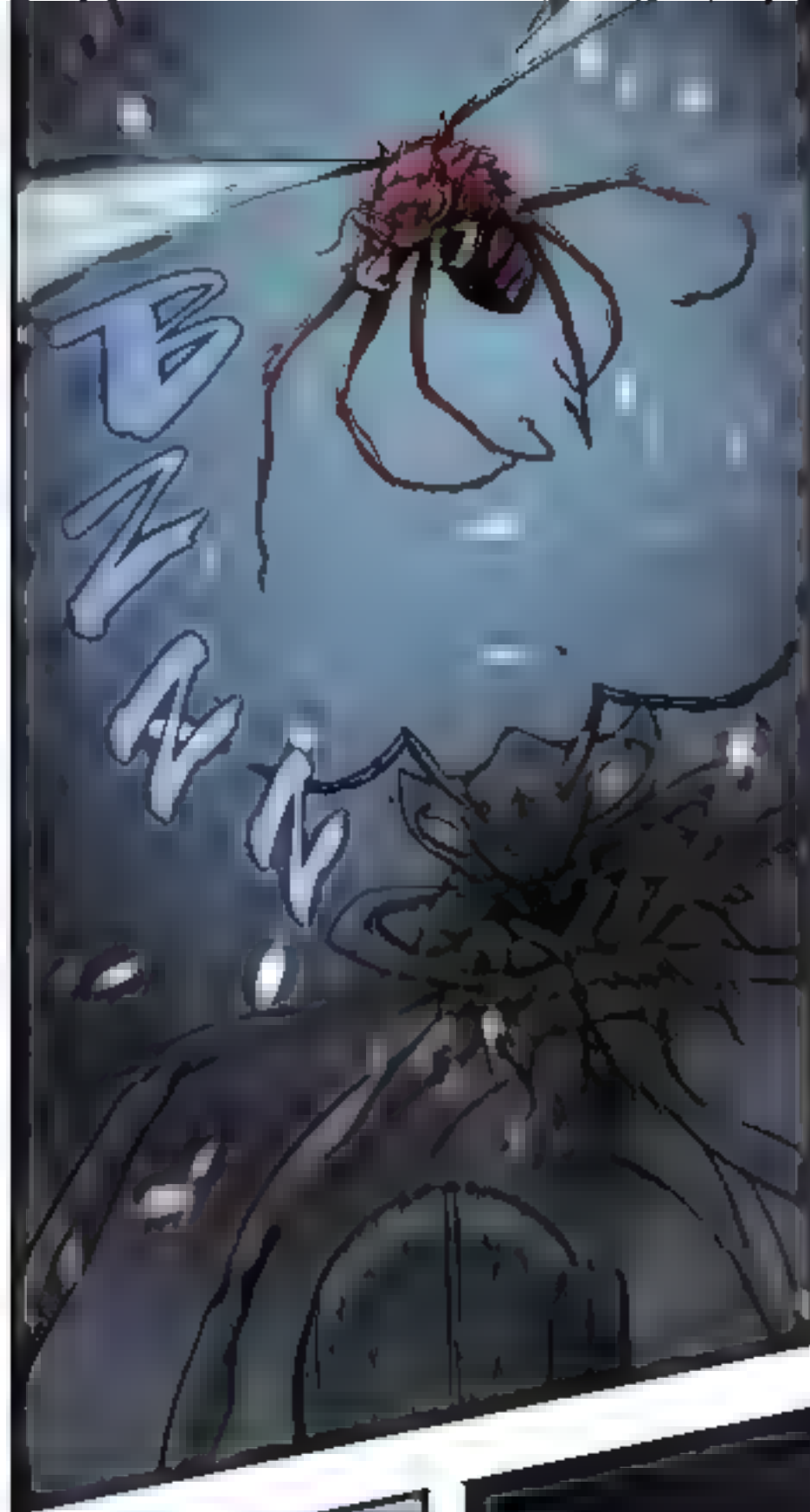


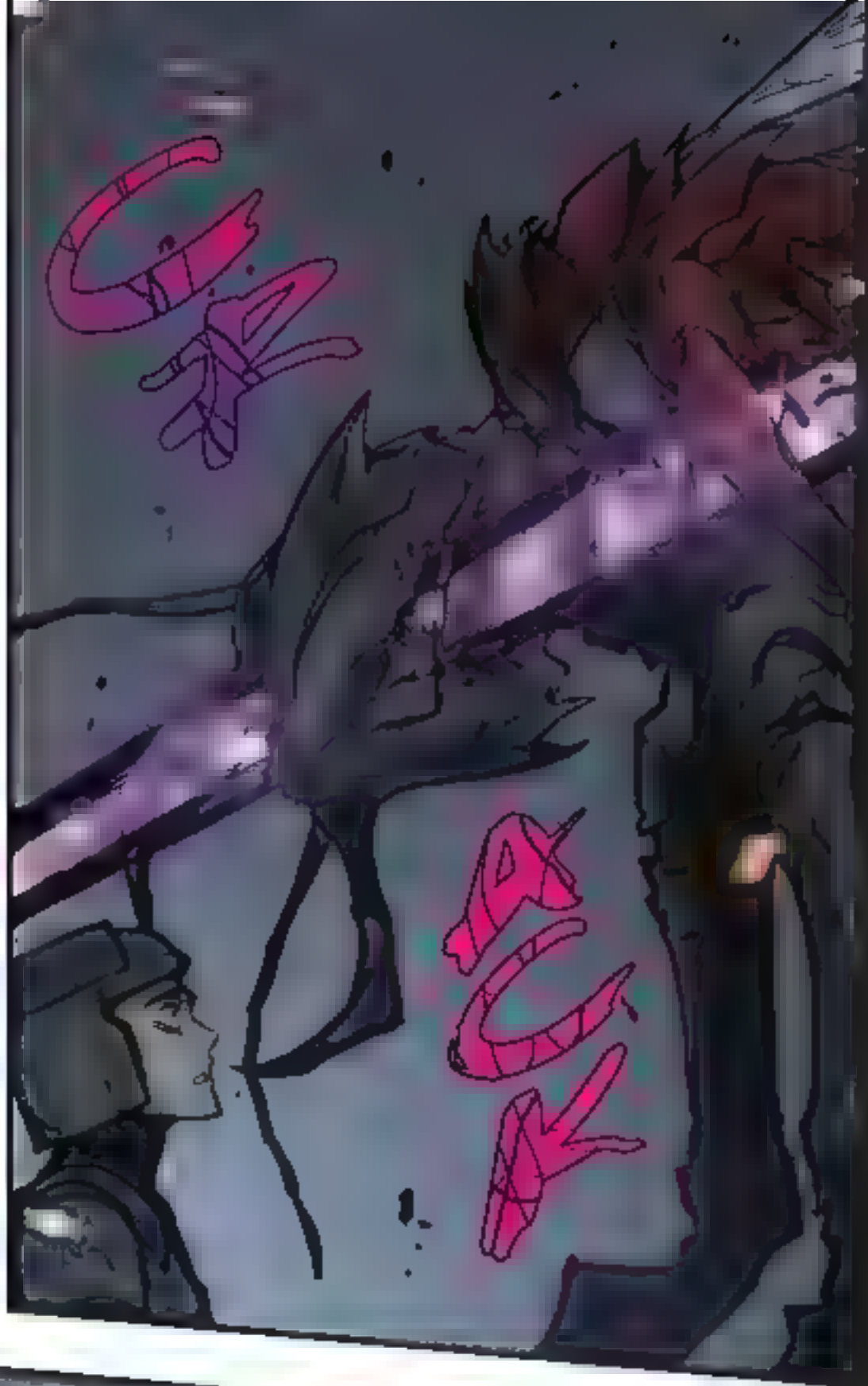
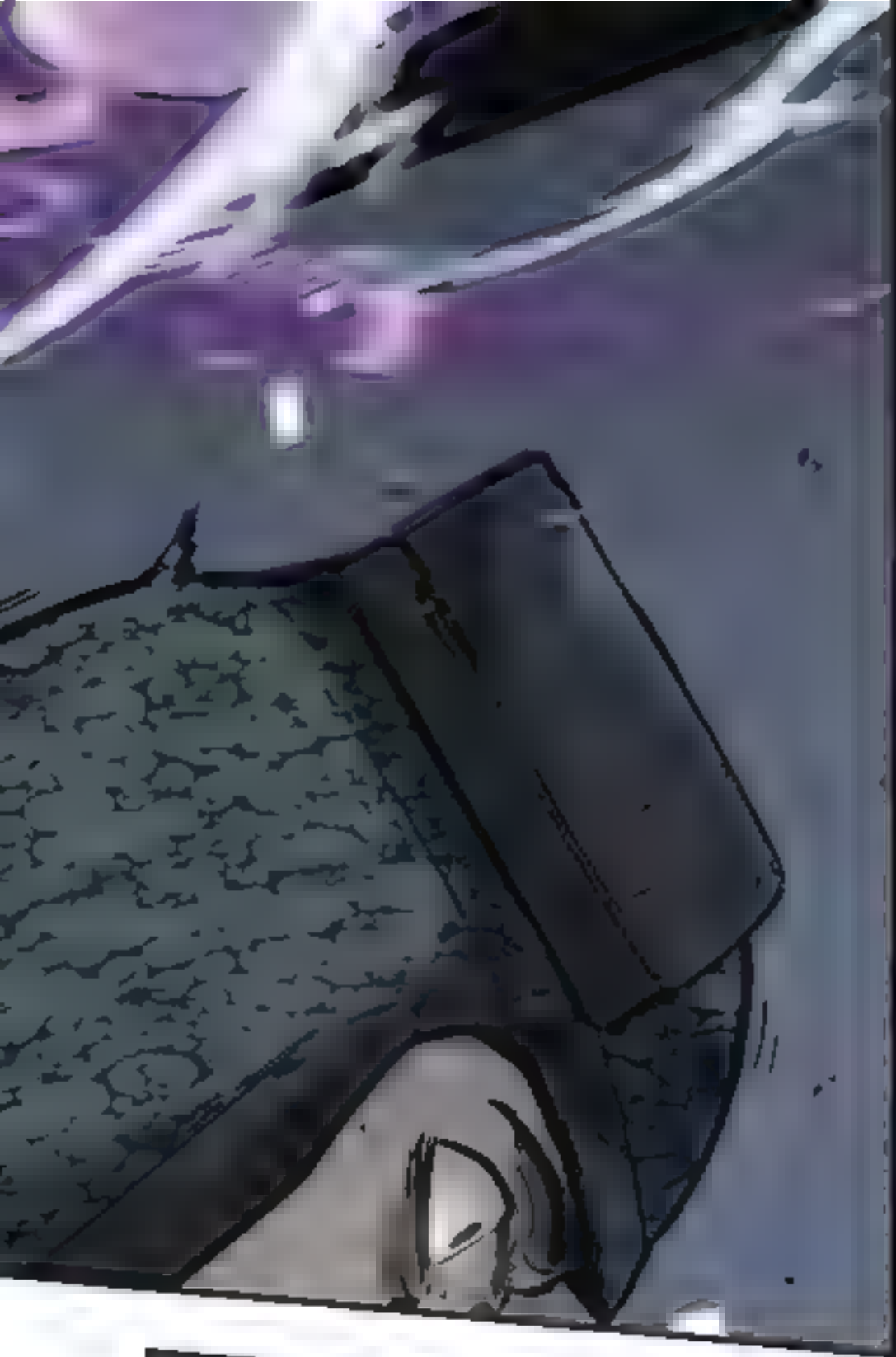


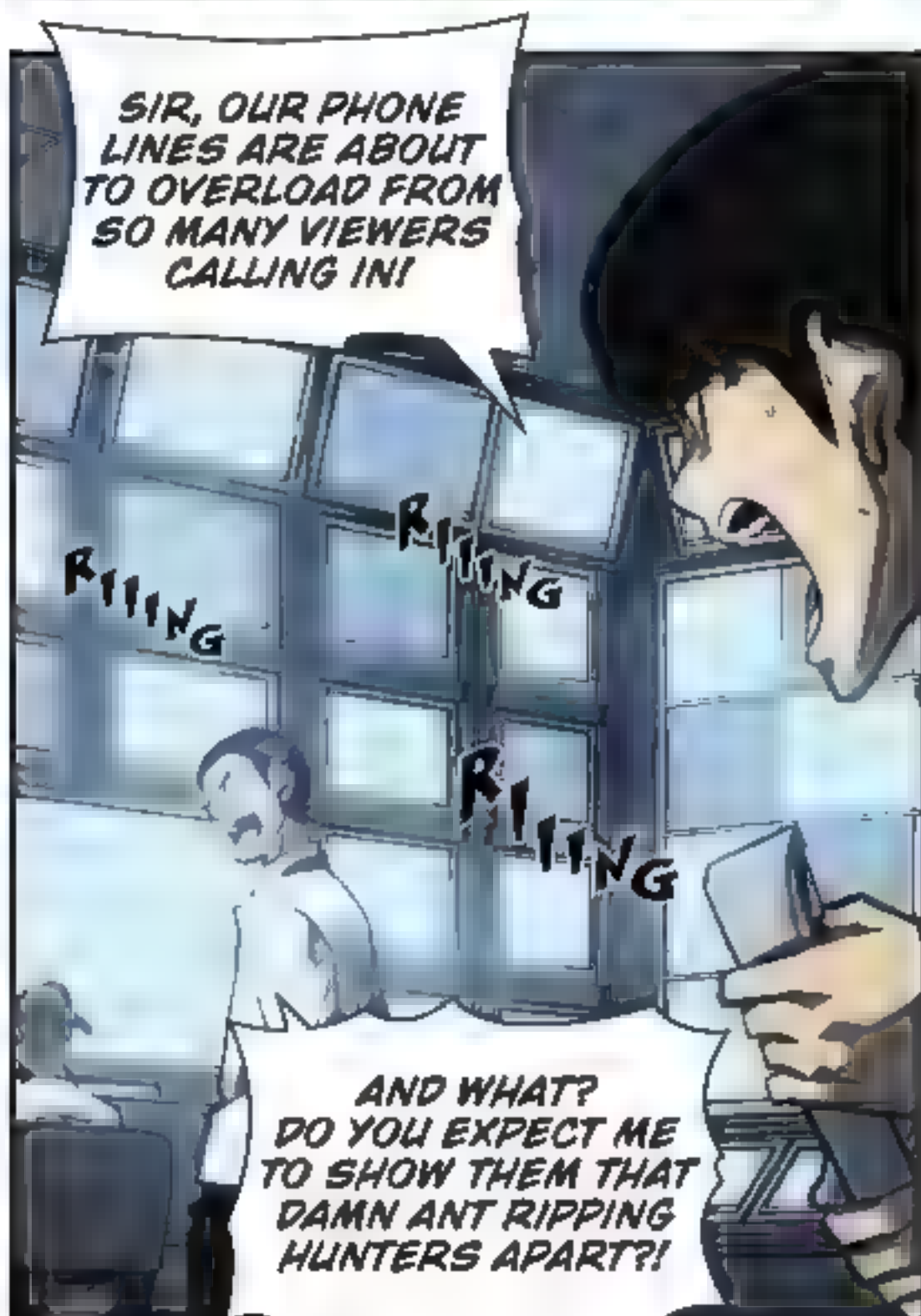
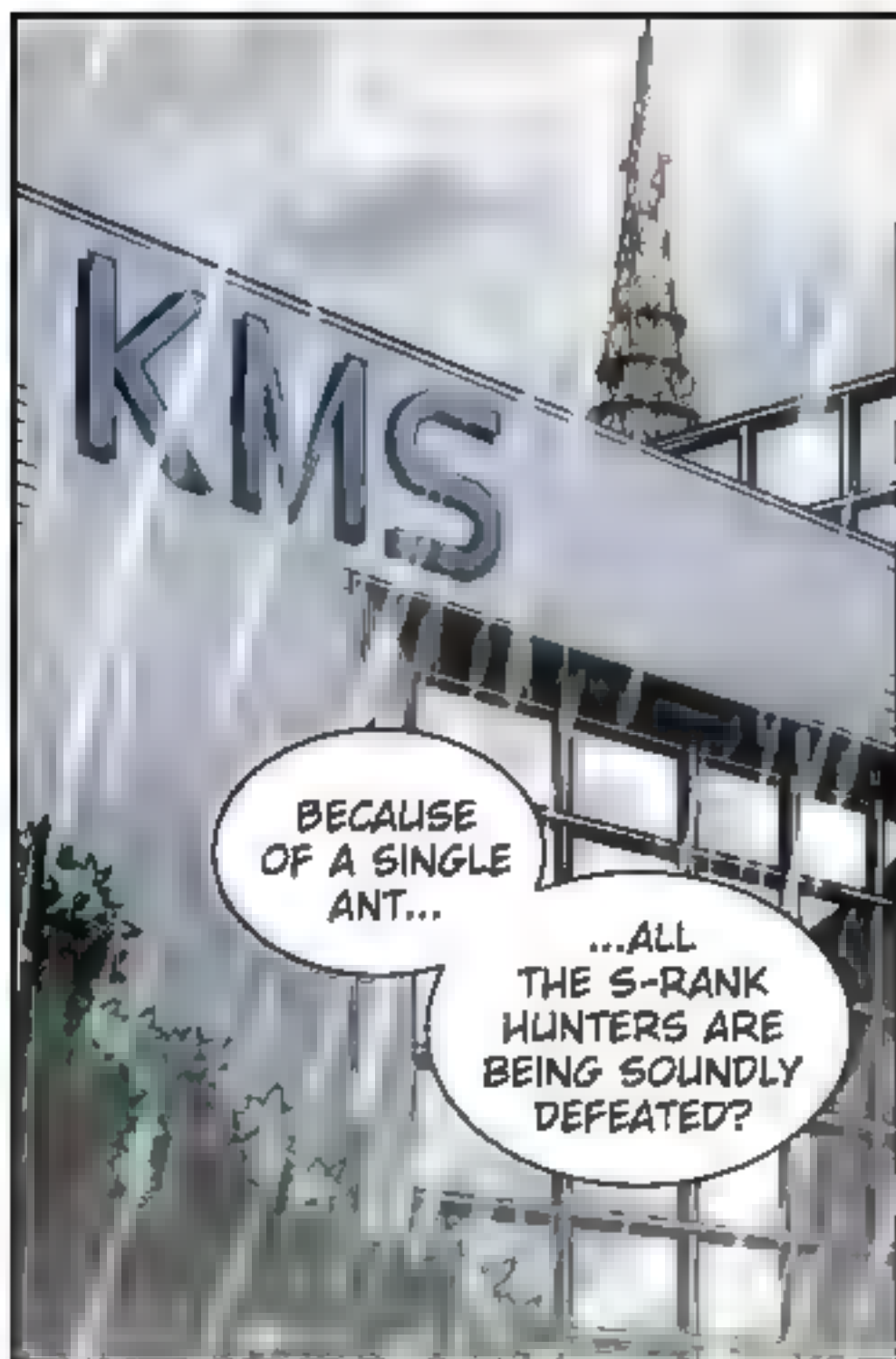
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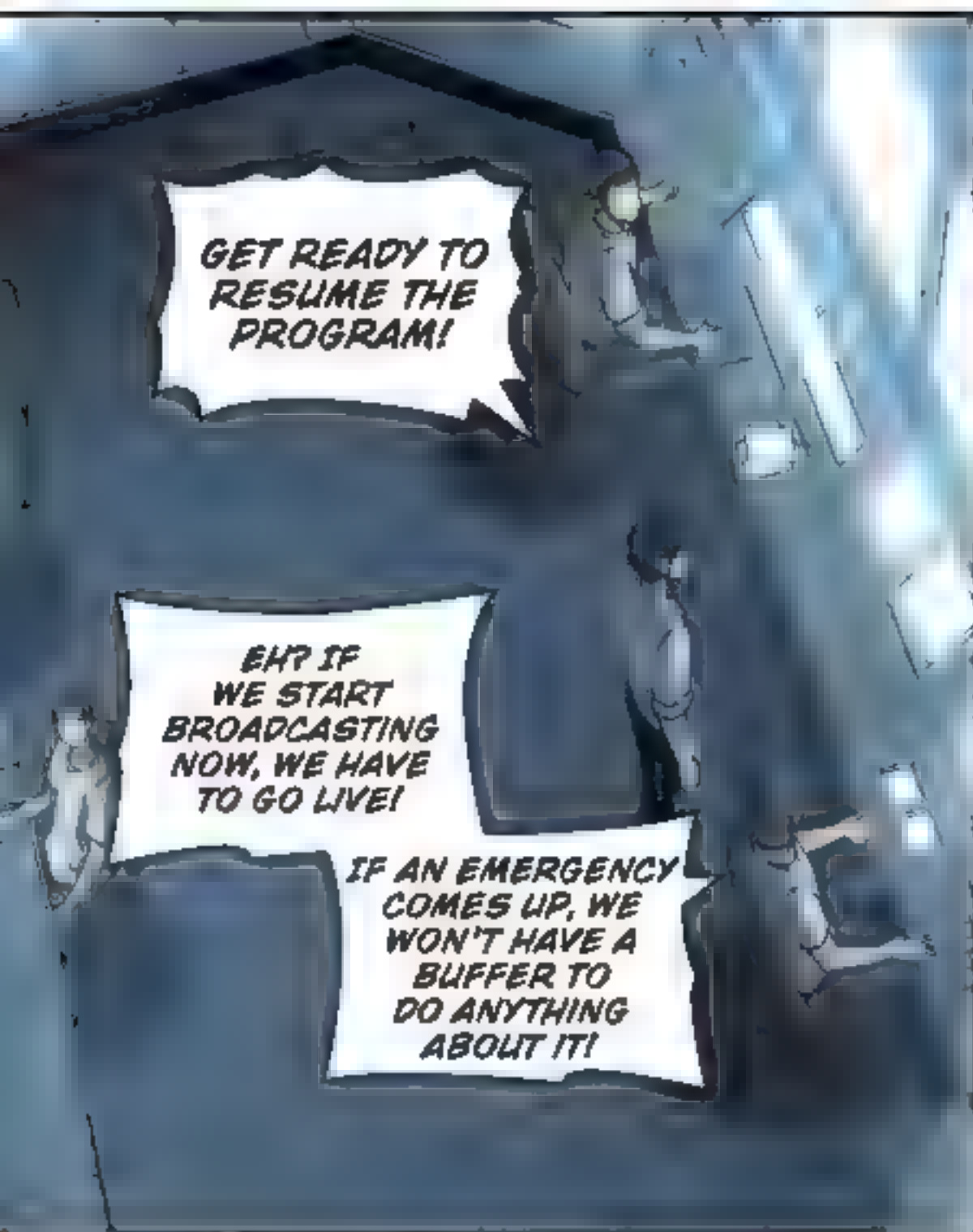
King of the
Humans

Solo
Leveling



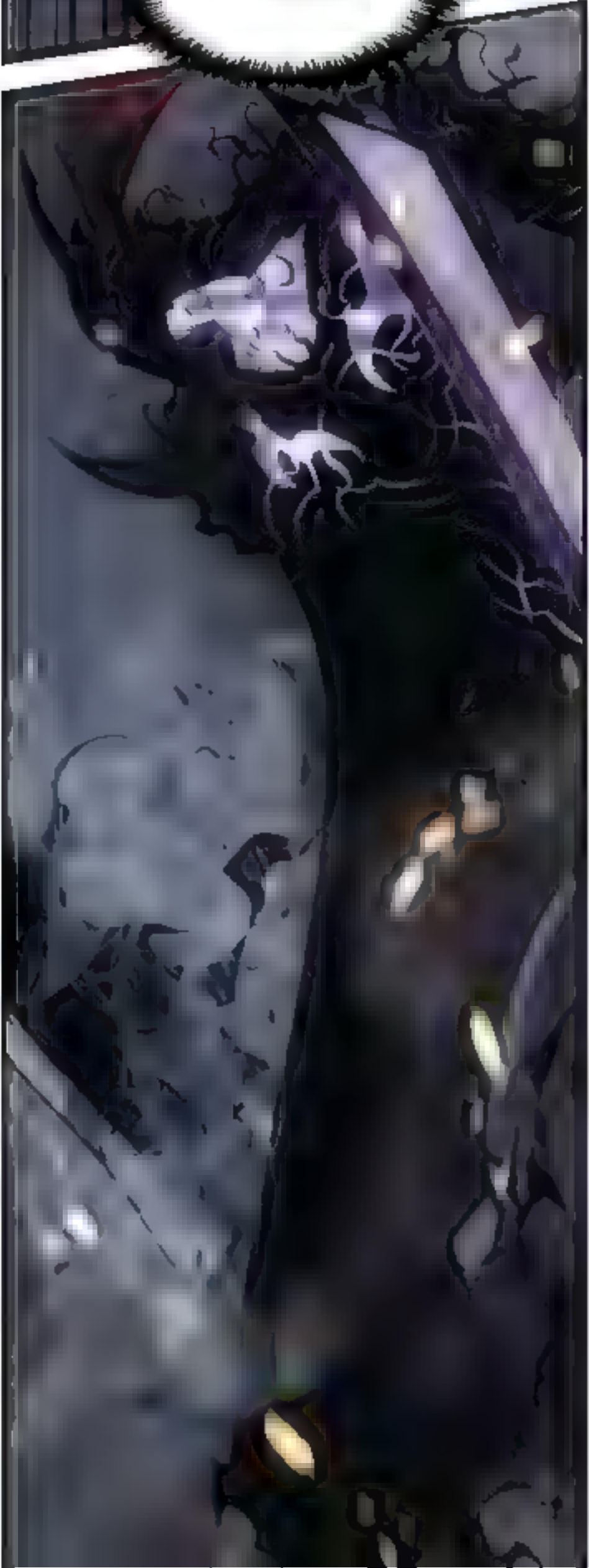




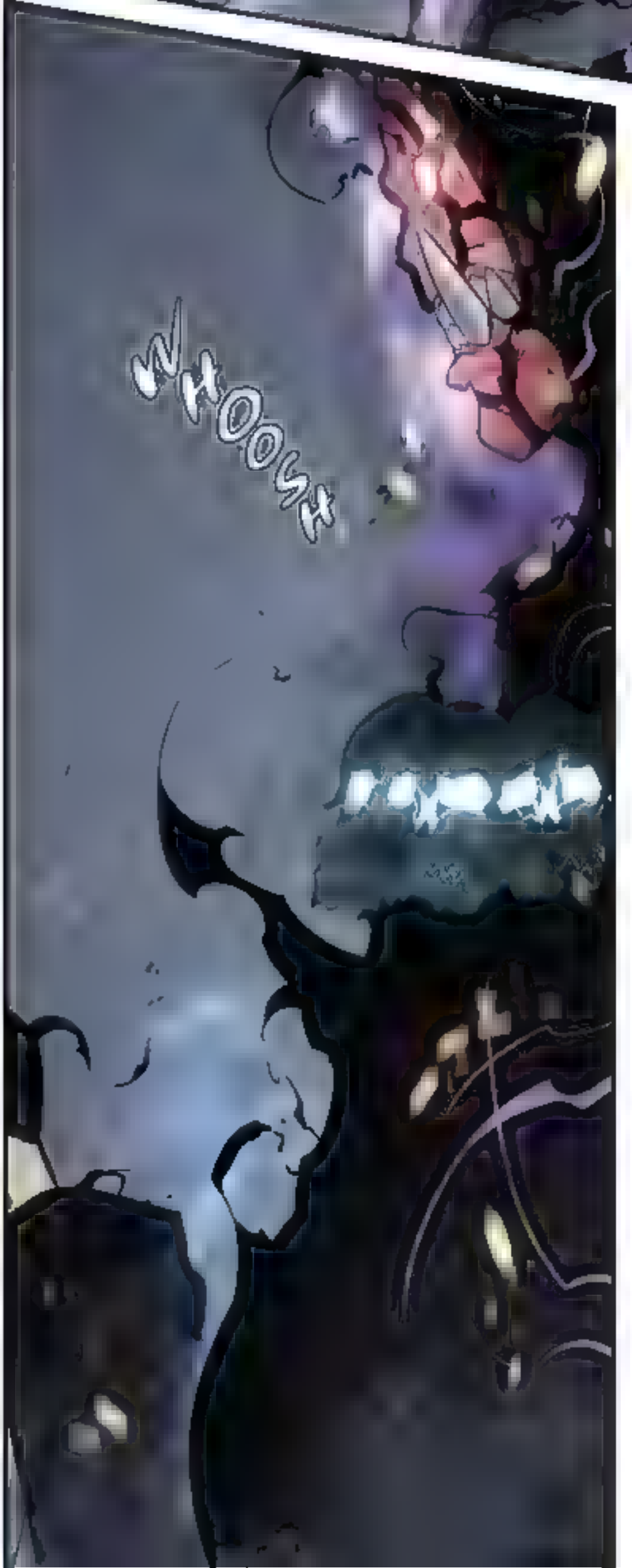


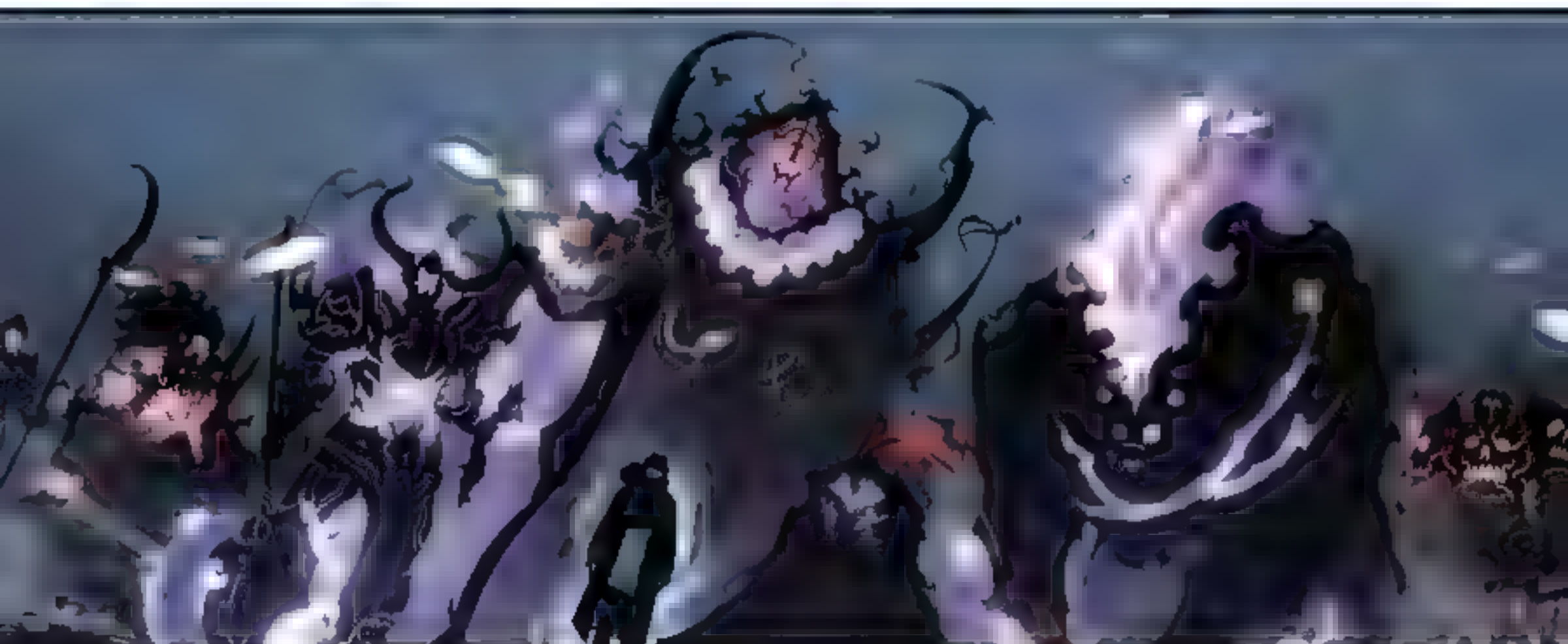


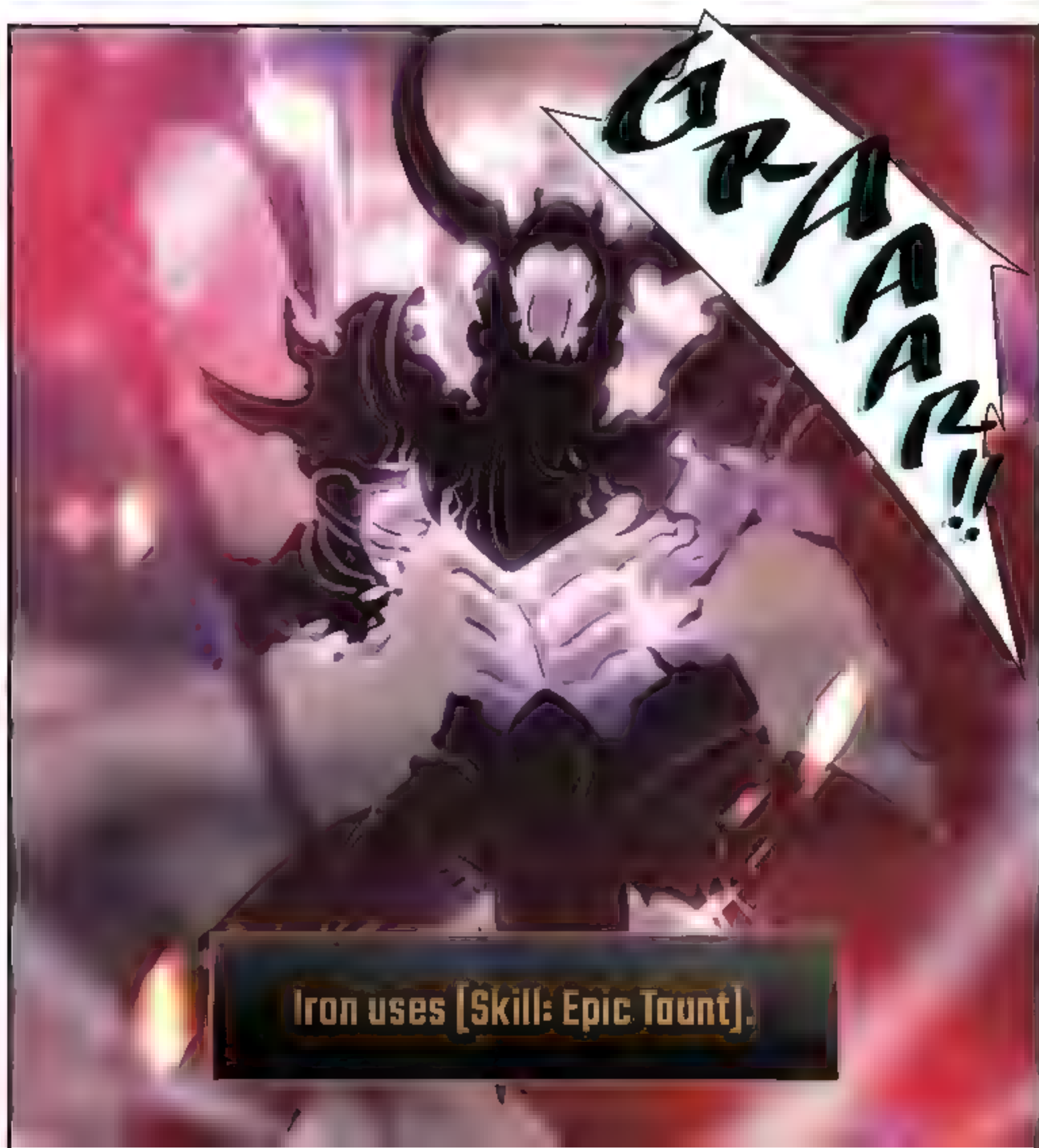
OUR
FUTURE...

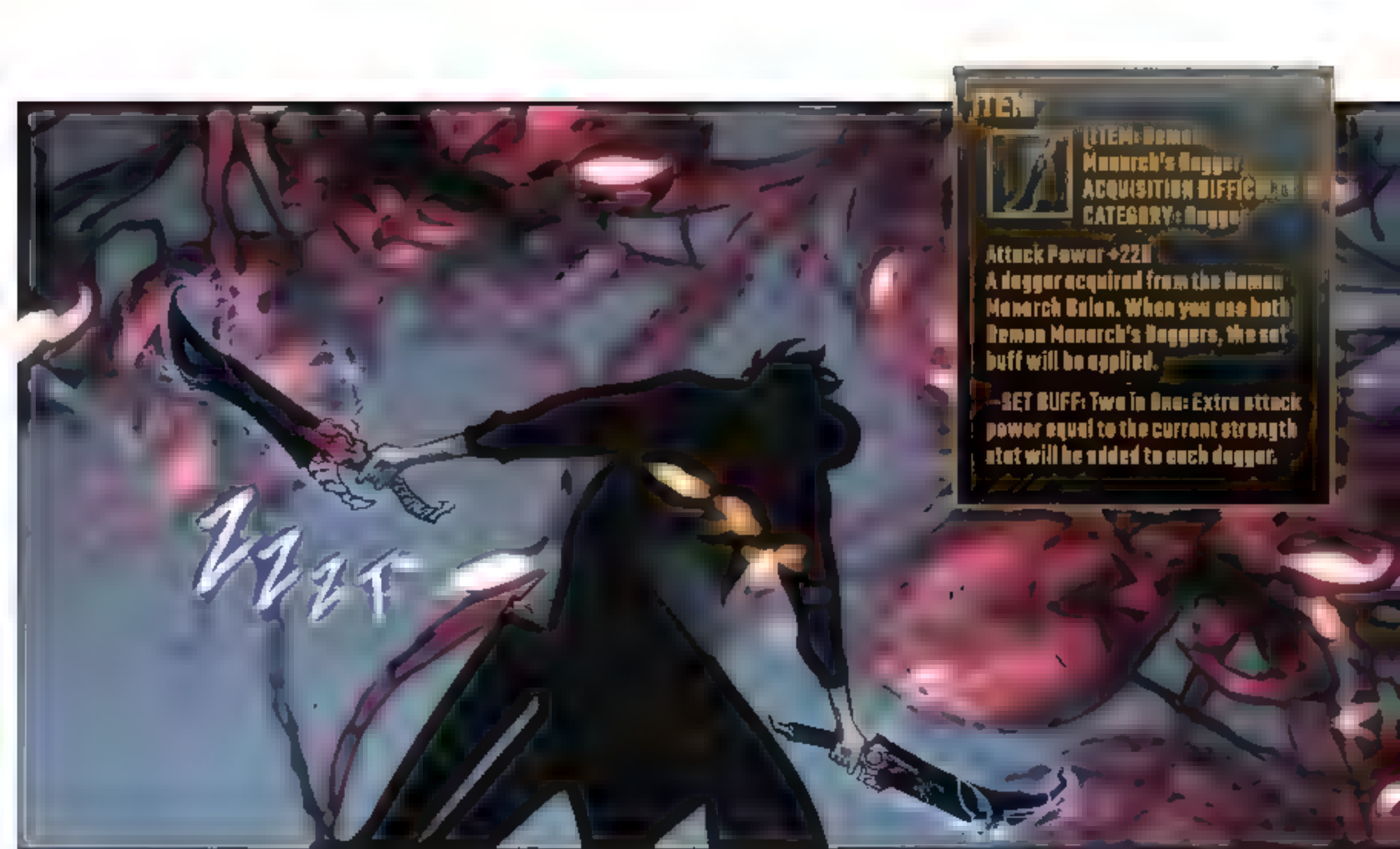
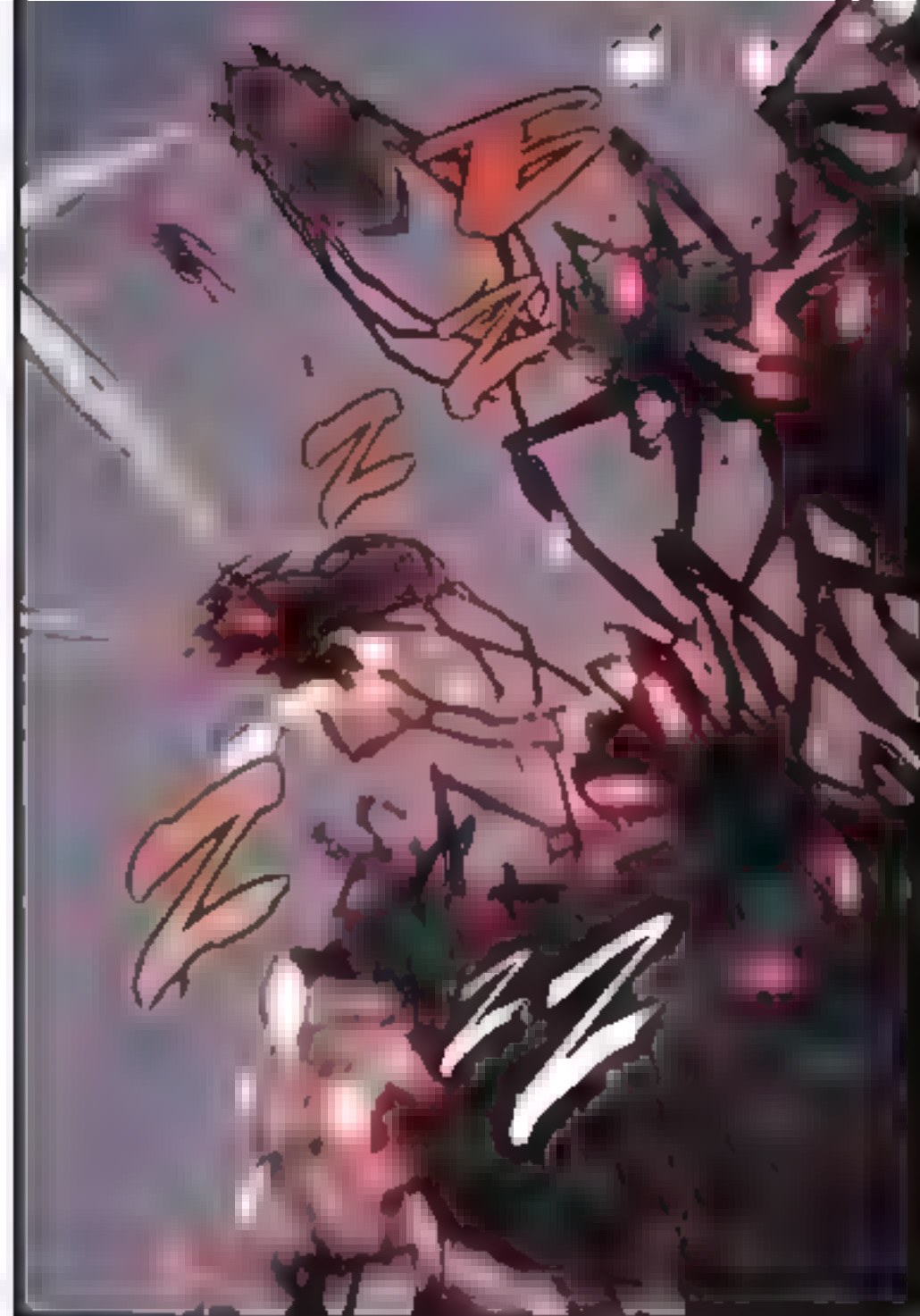


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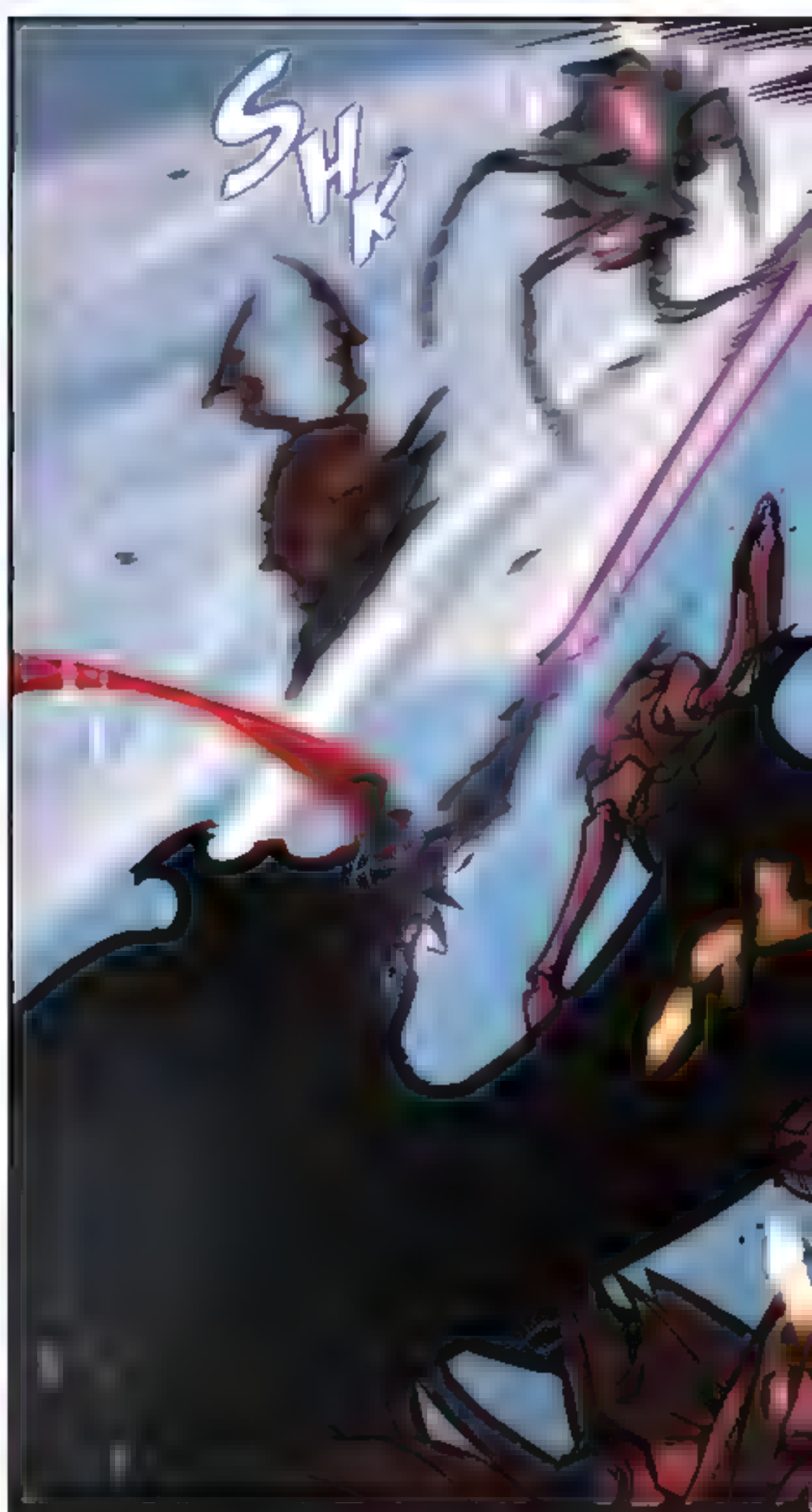
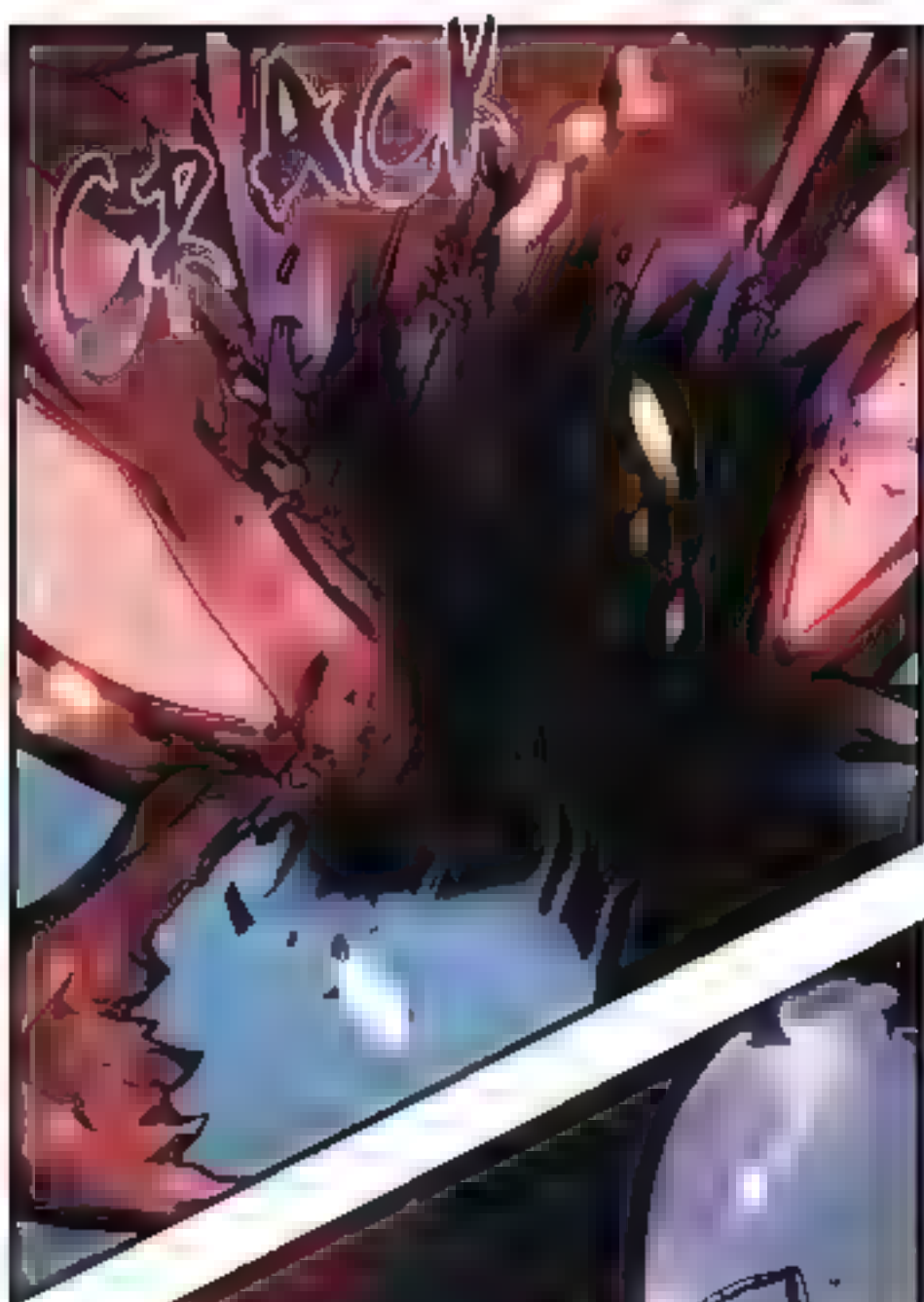


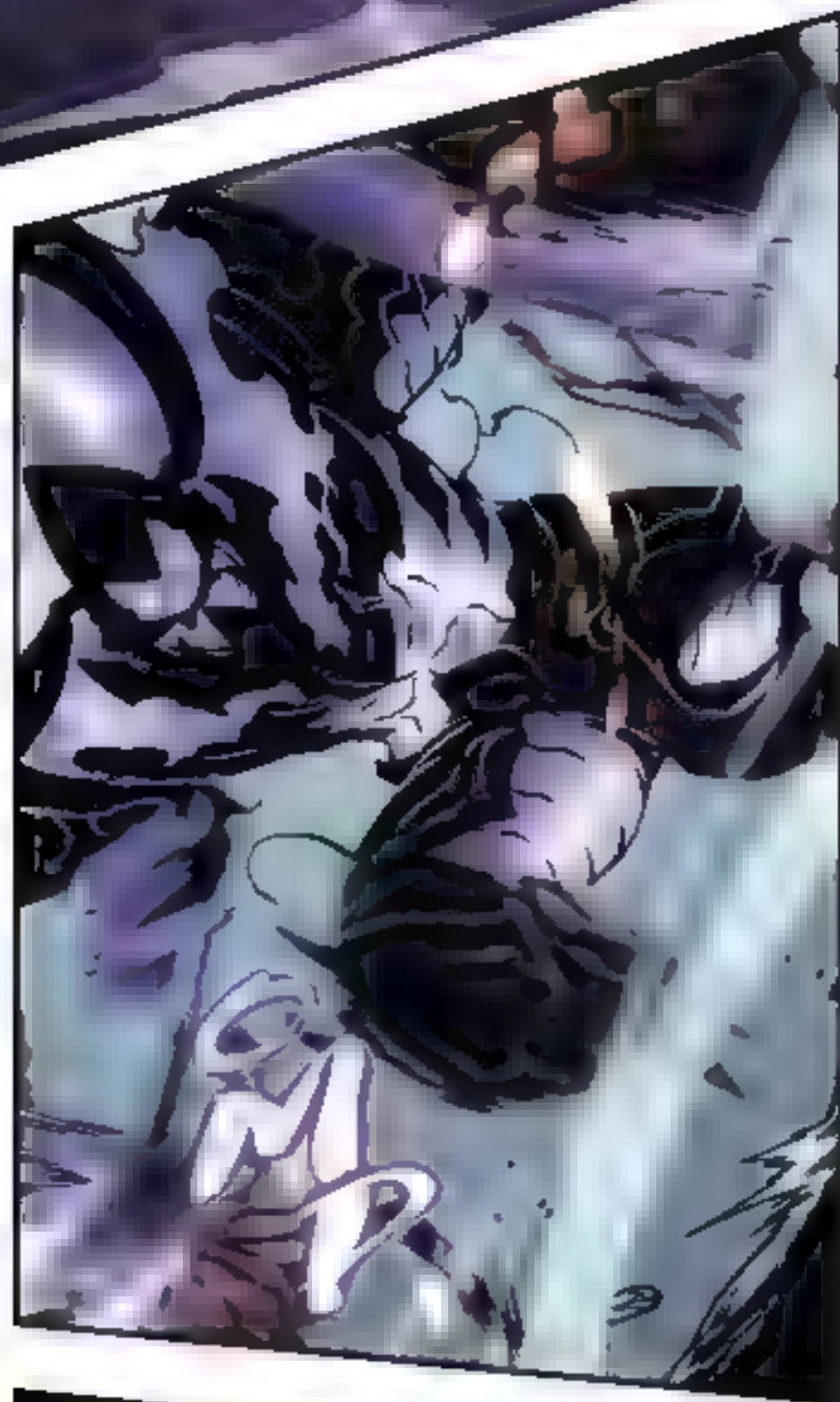
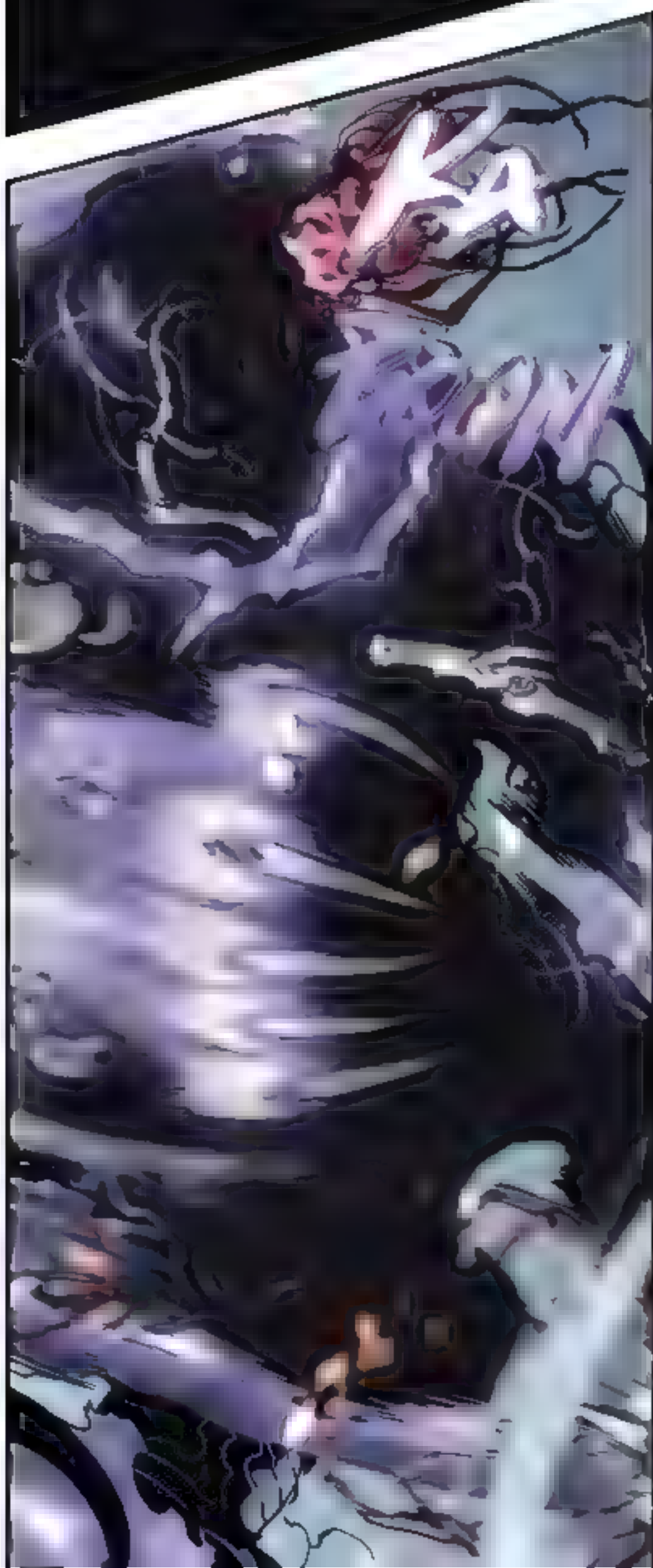
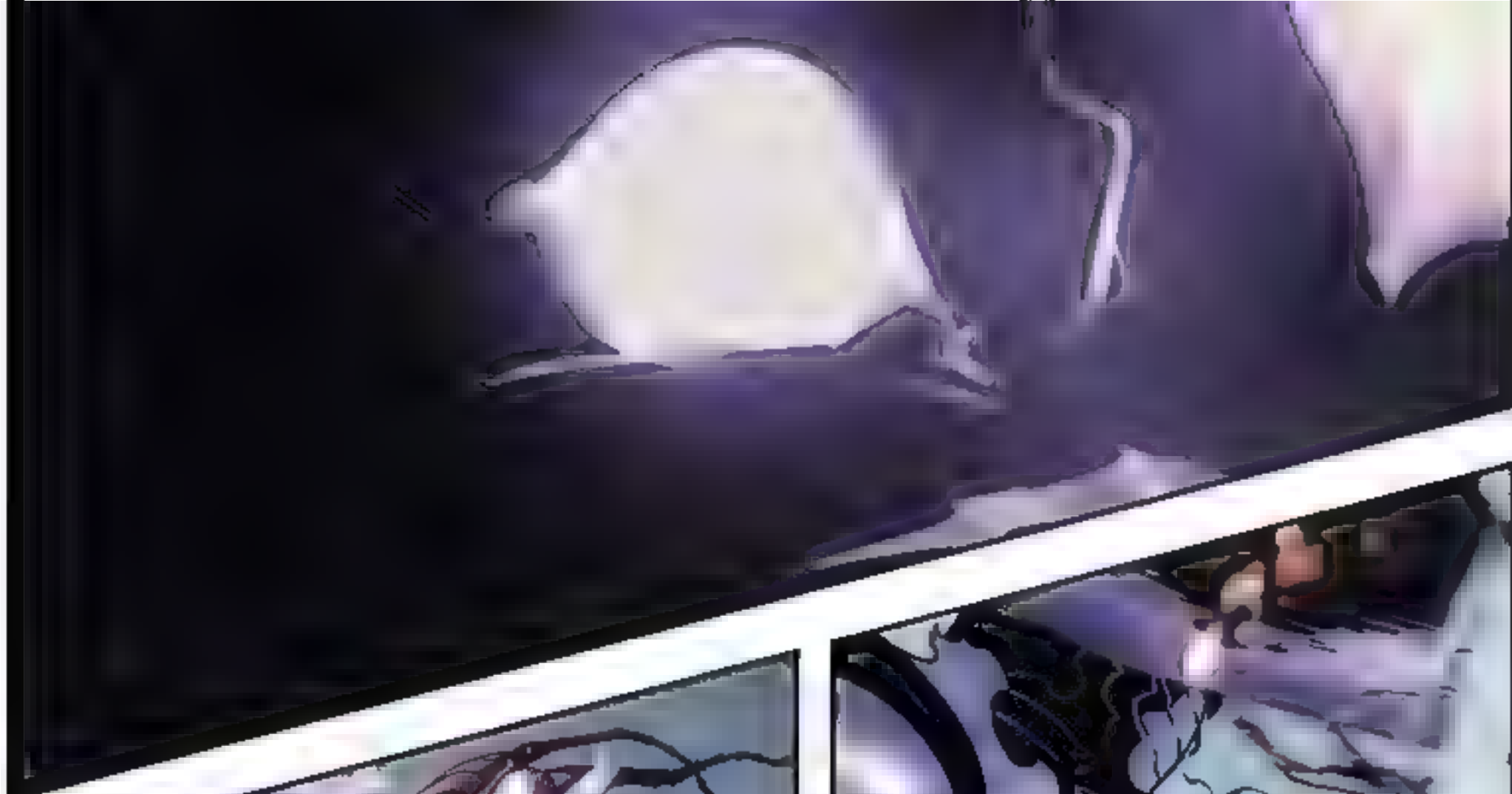




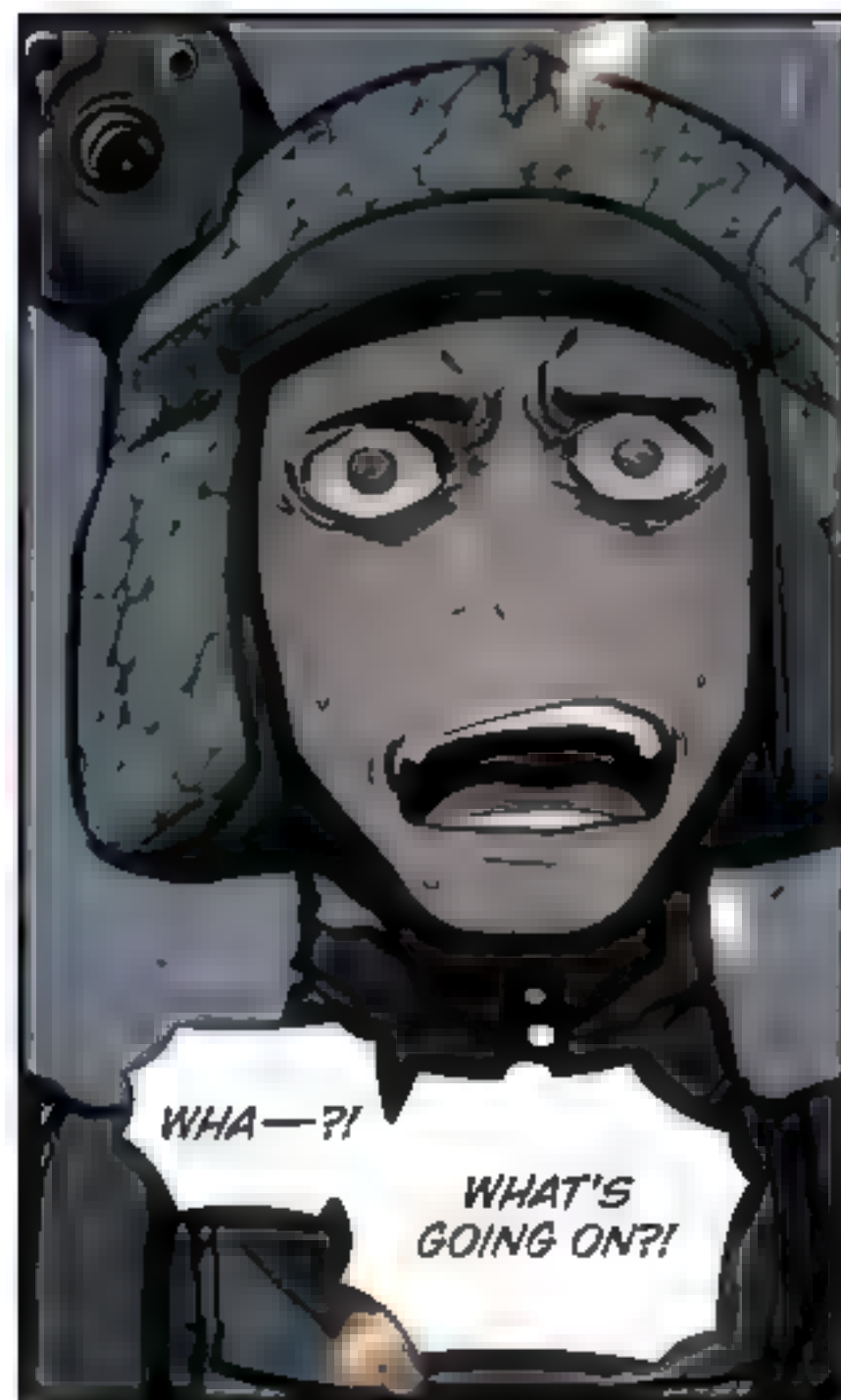








SHOULD I
SPEED THINGS
UP A BIT?



WHA—?!

WHAT'S
GOING ON?!



D-DID
THOSE THINGS
COME BACK TO
LIFE?!

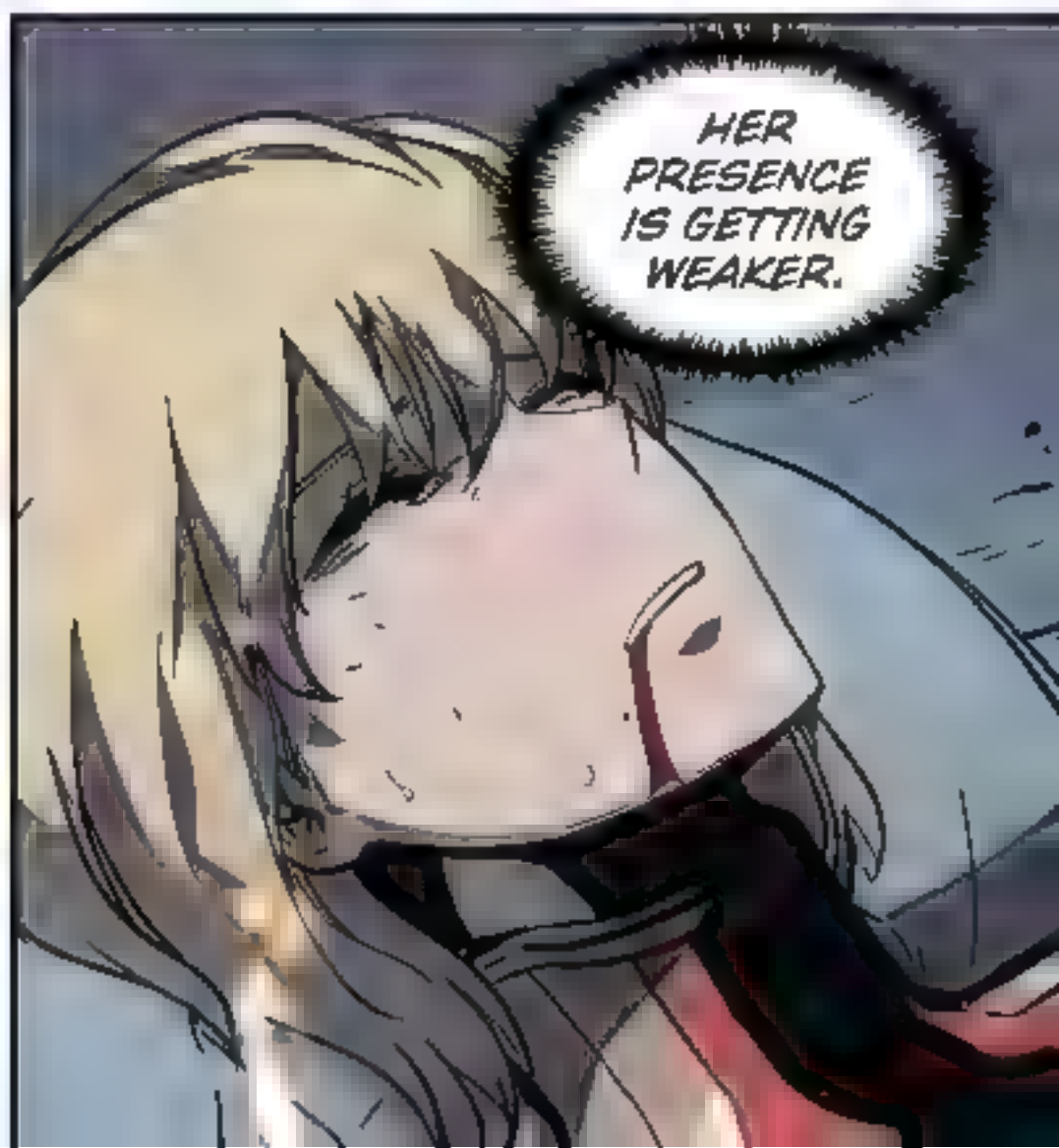
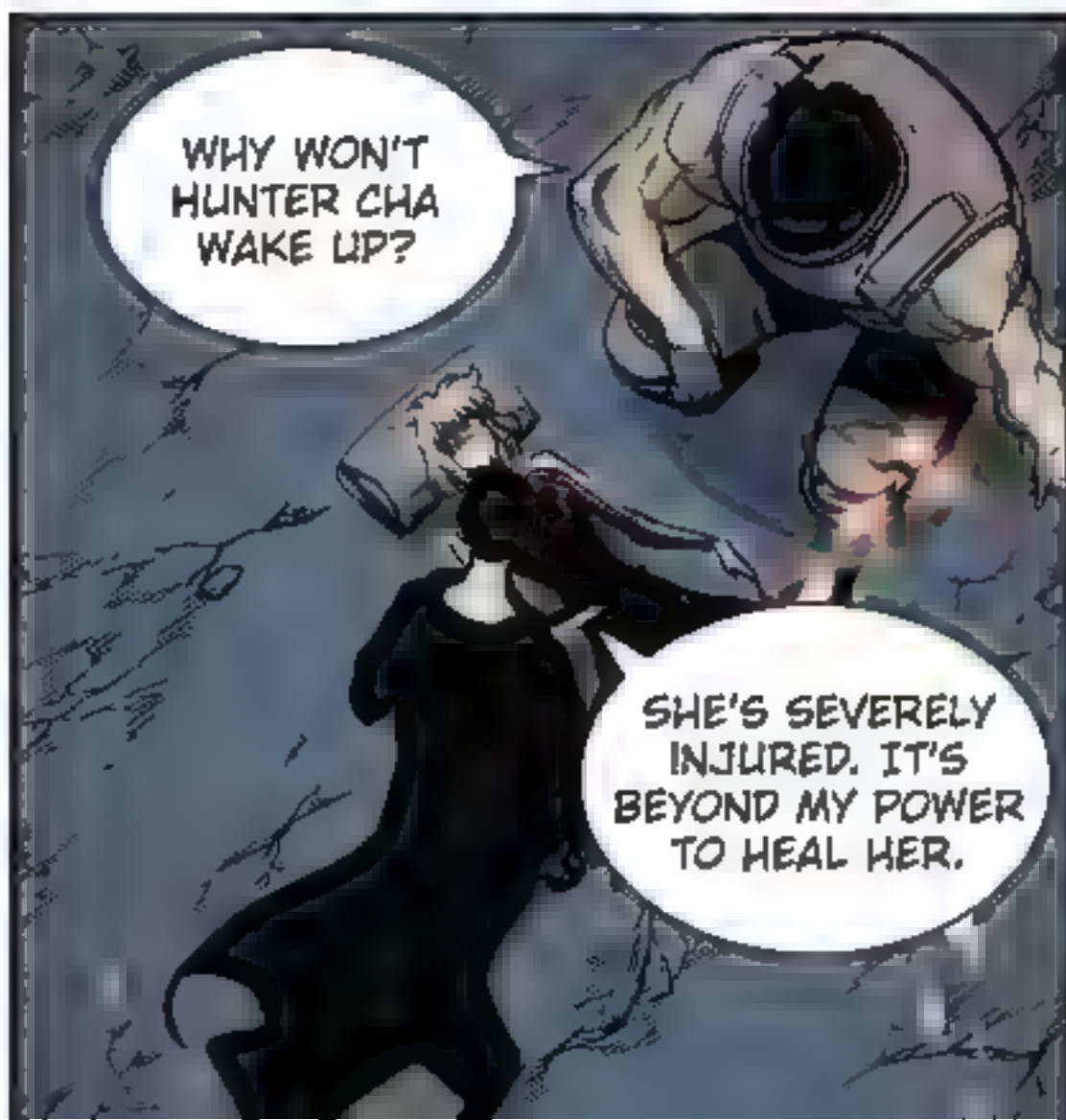
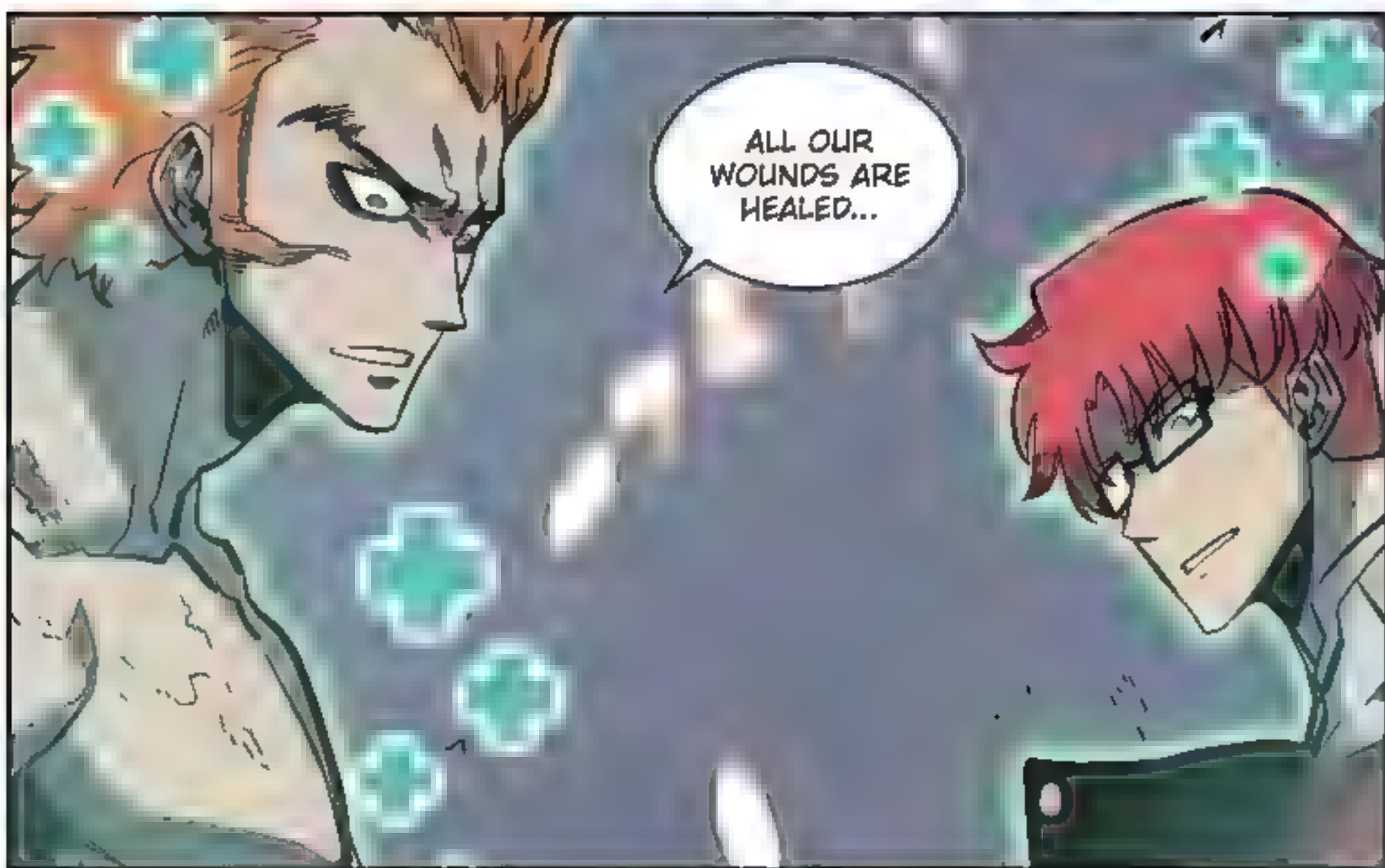
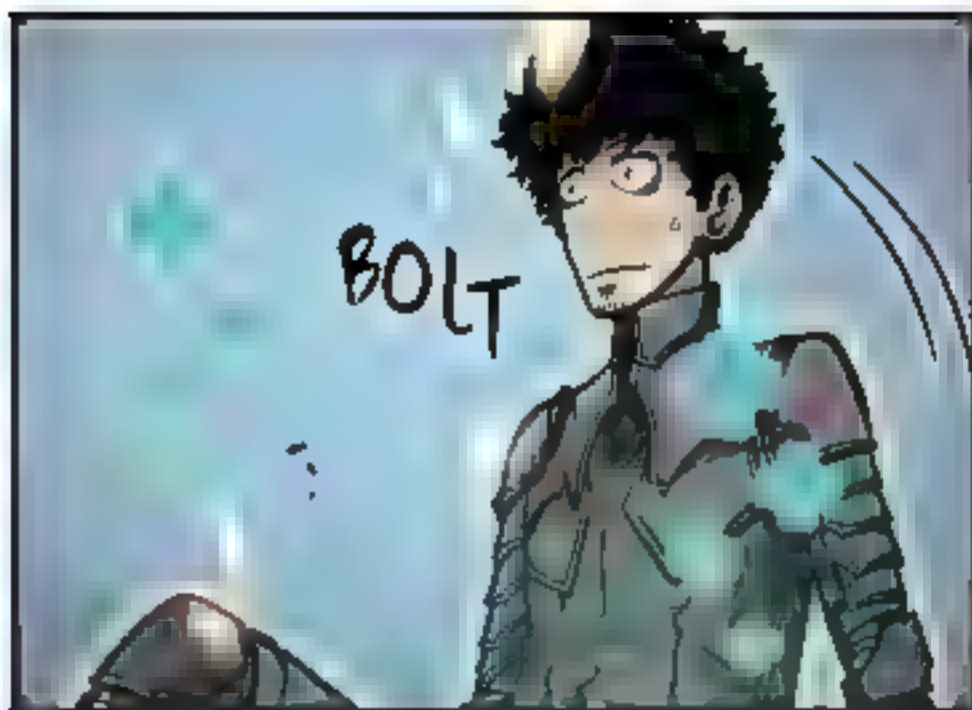


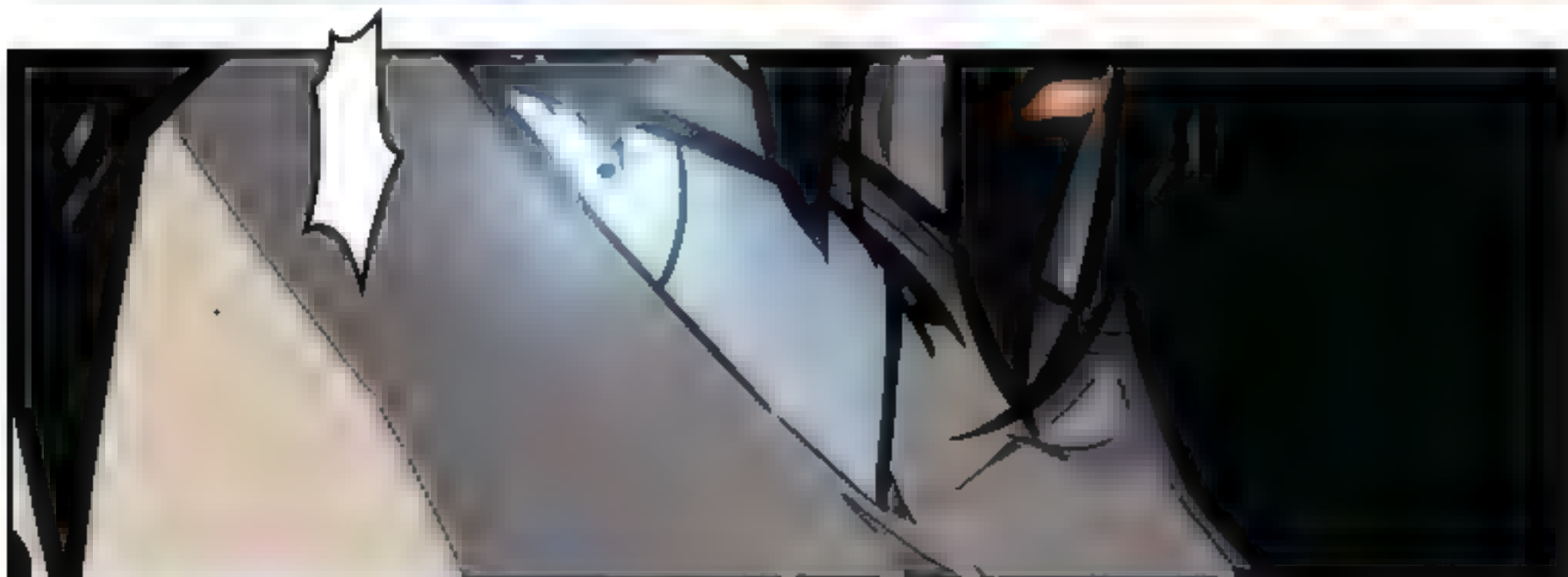
HEY, REPORT
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
NOW! HURRY!

EVERYONE
IN KOREA IS
TUNED IN!

UH...I MEAN...
I-I DON'T REALLY
KNOW WHAT
THIS IS...

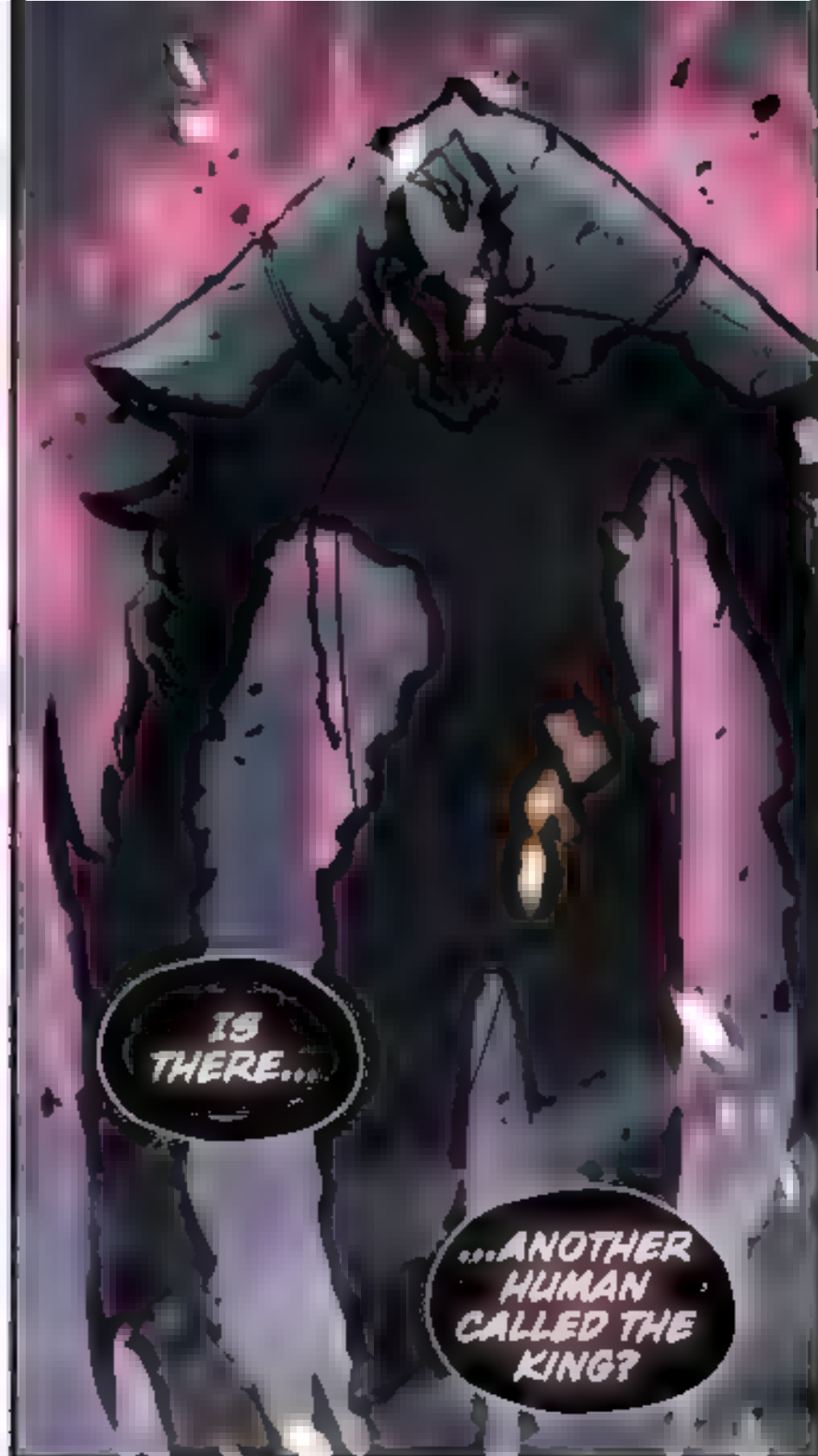






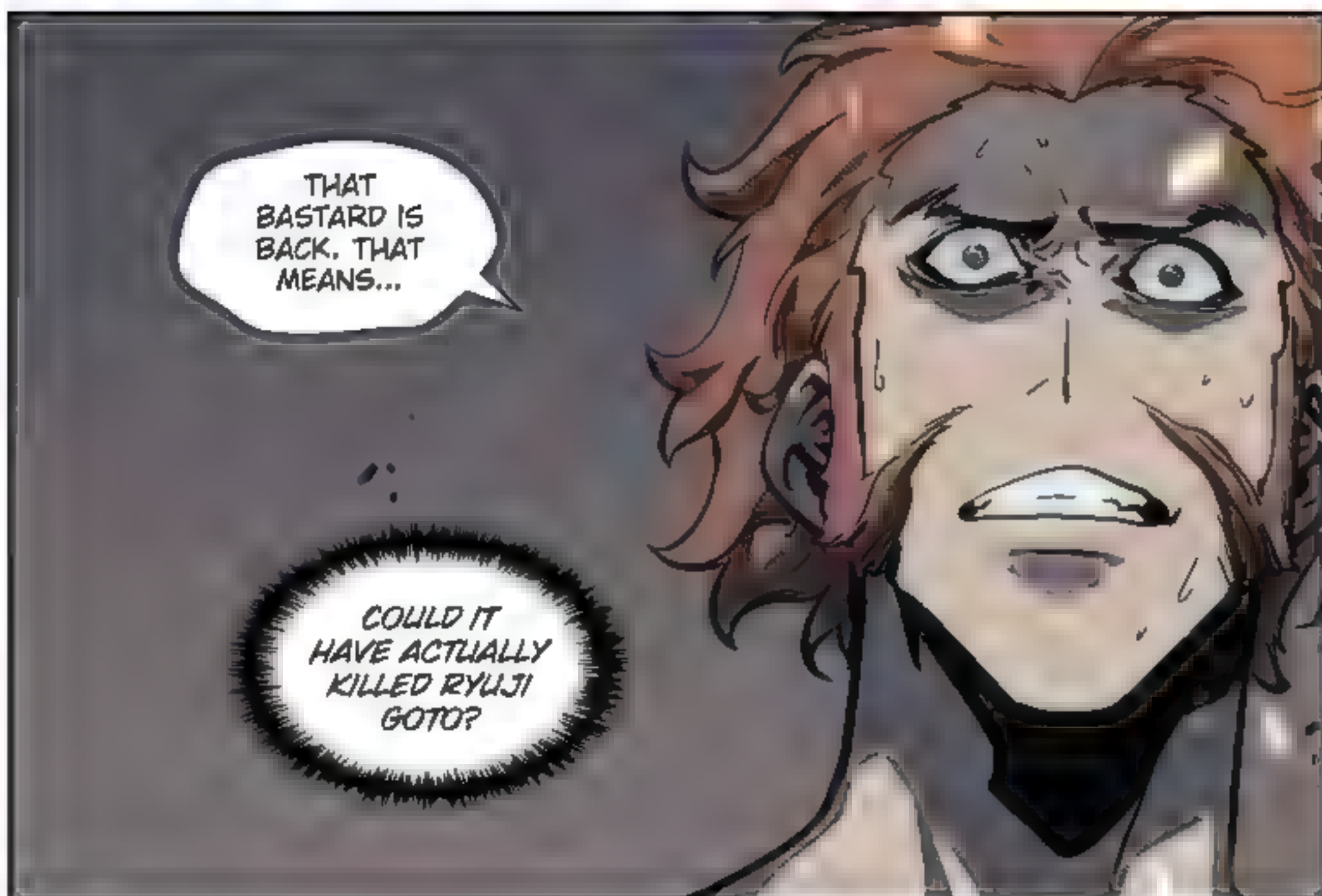


HE WAS
NOT THE
KING.



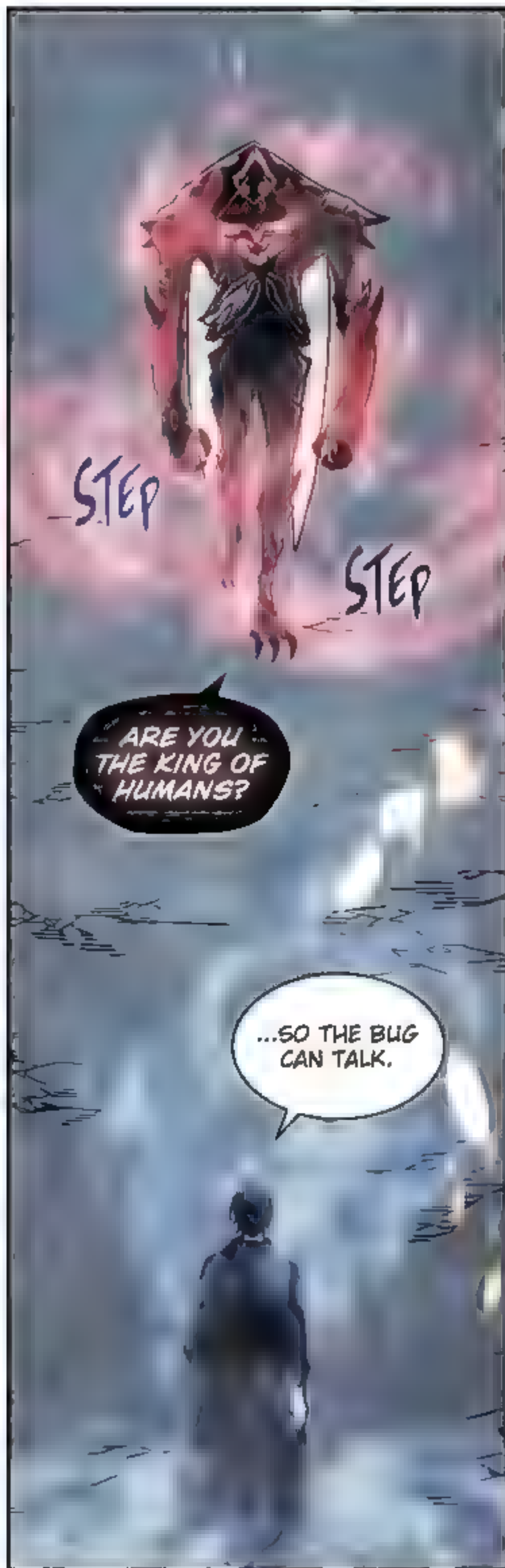
IS
THERE...

...ANOTHER
HUMAN
CALLED THE
KING?



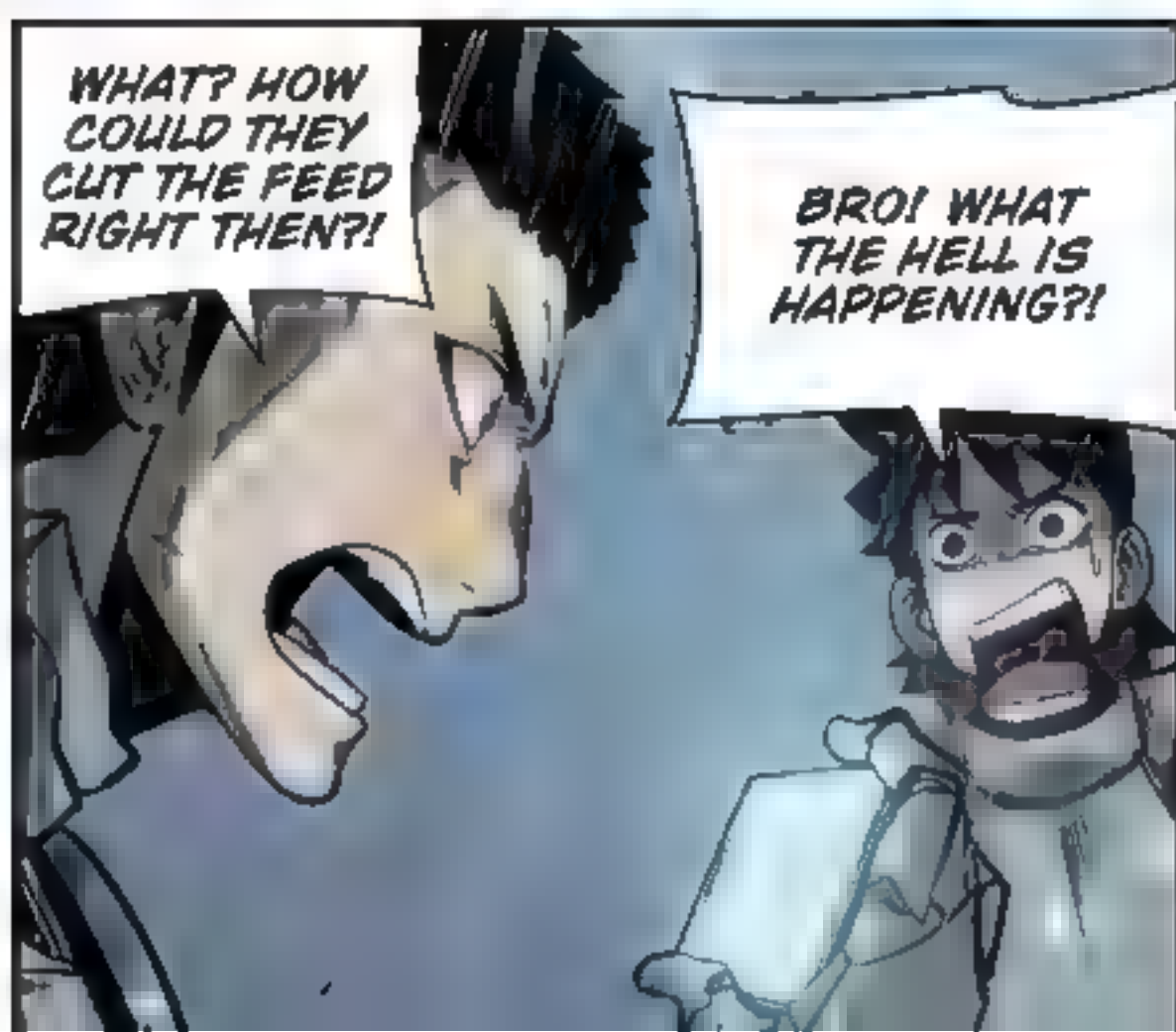
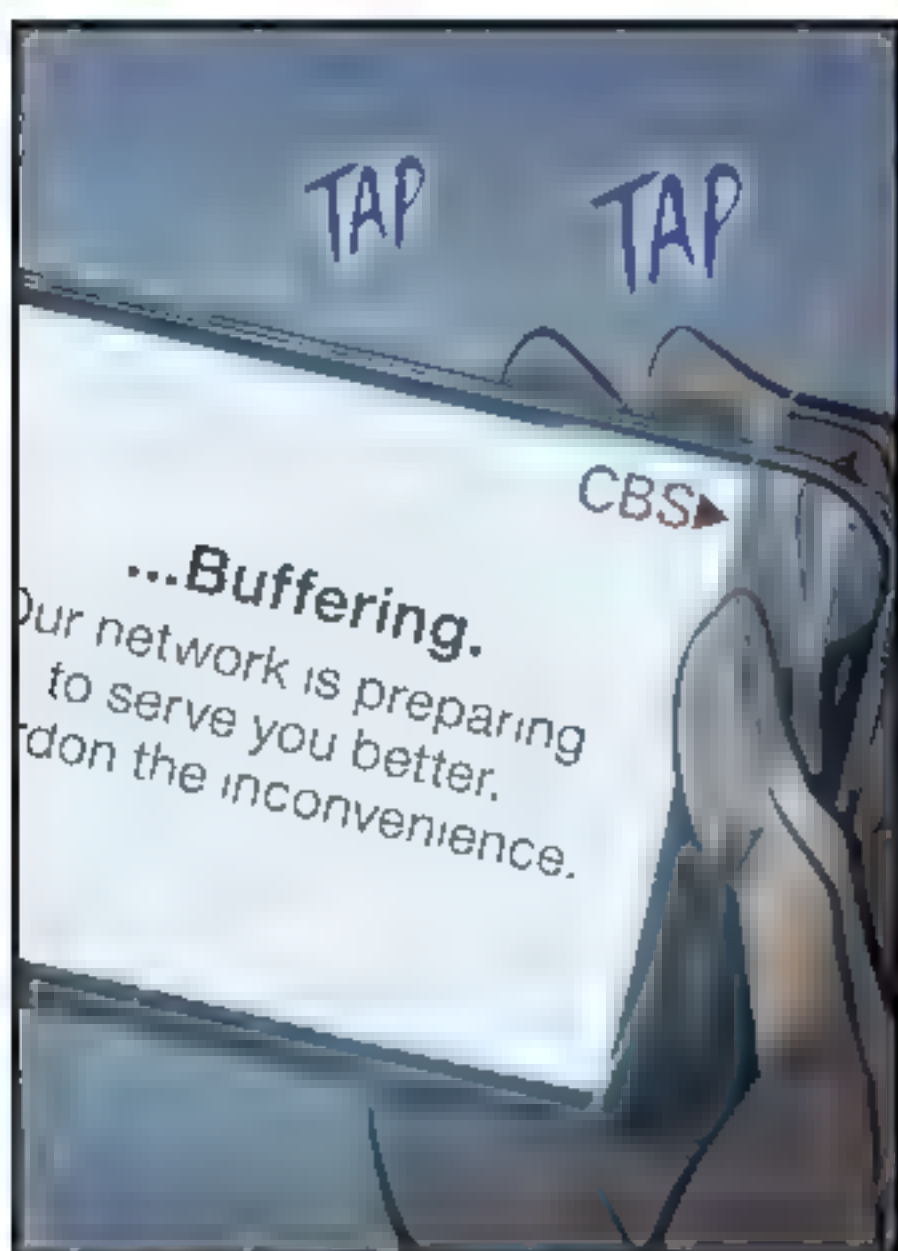
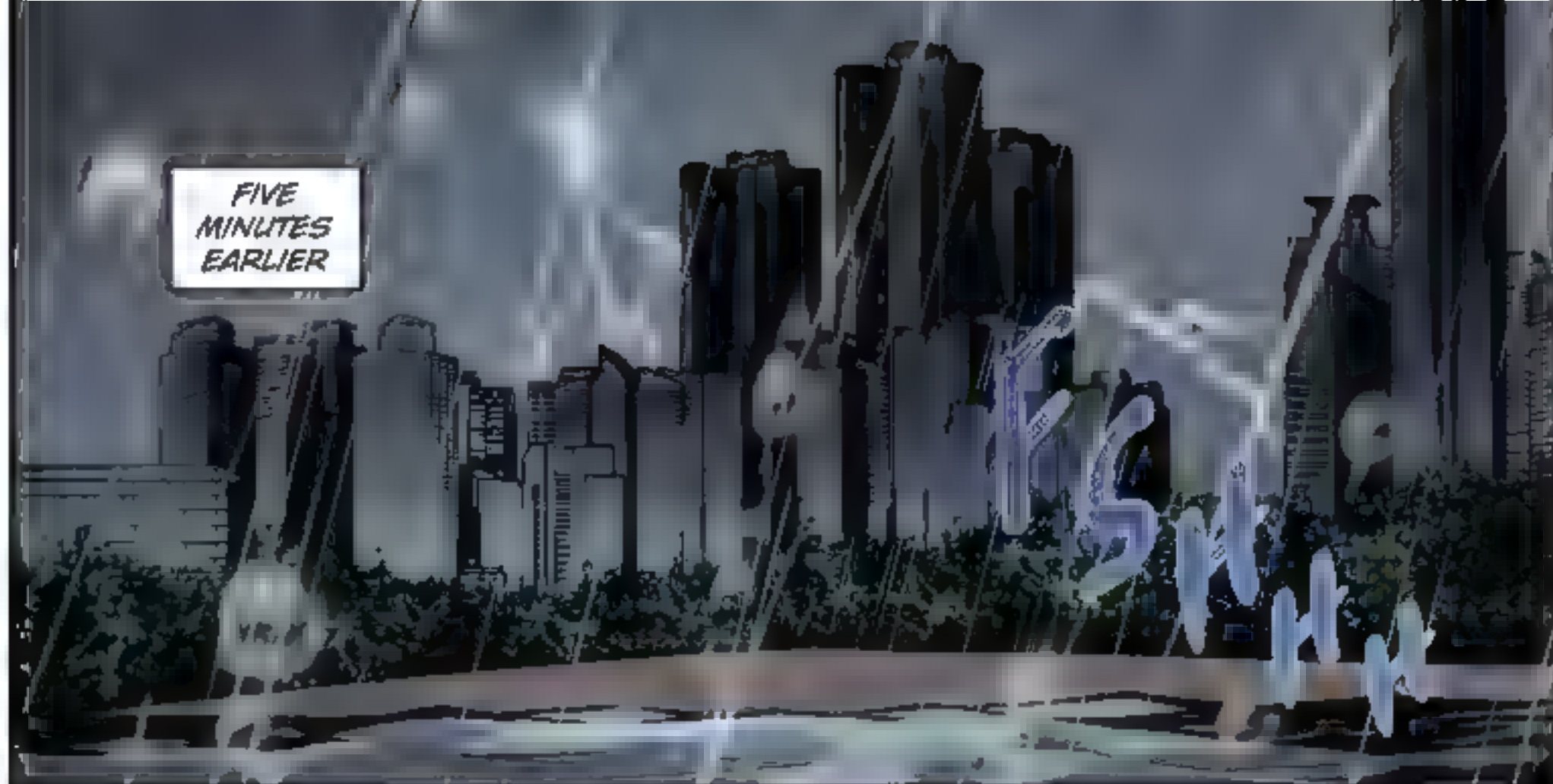
THAT
BASTARD IS
BACK. THAT
MEANS...

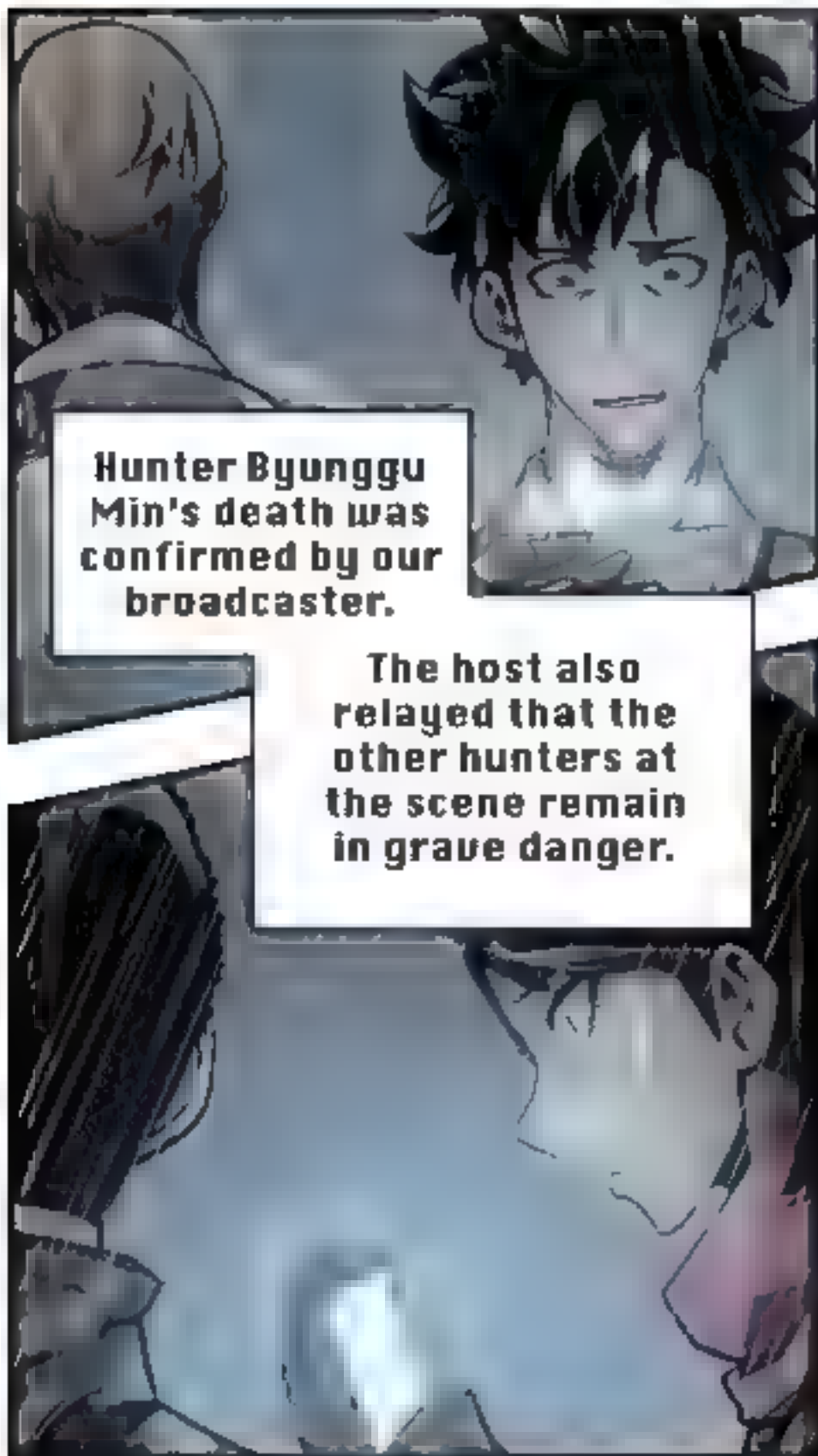
COULD IT
HAVE ACTUALLY
KILLED RYUJI
GOTO?





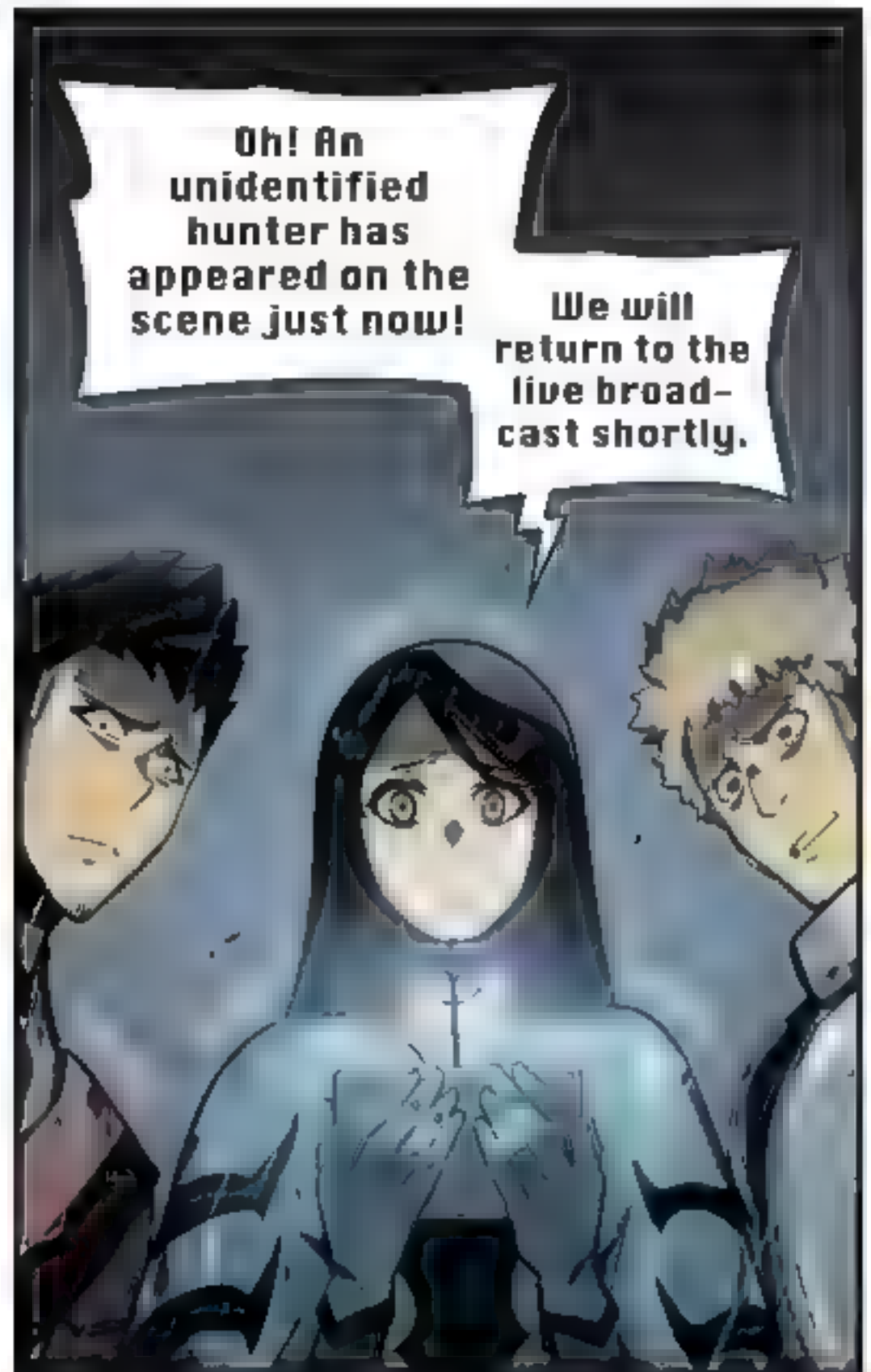






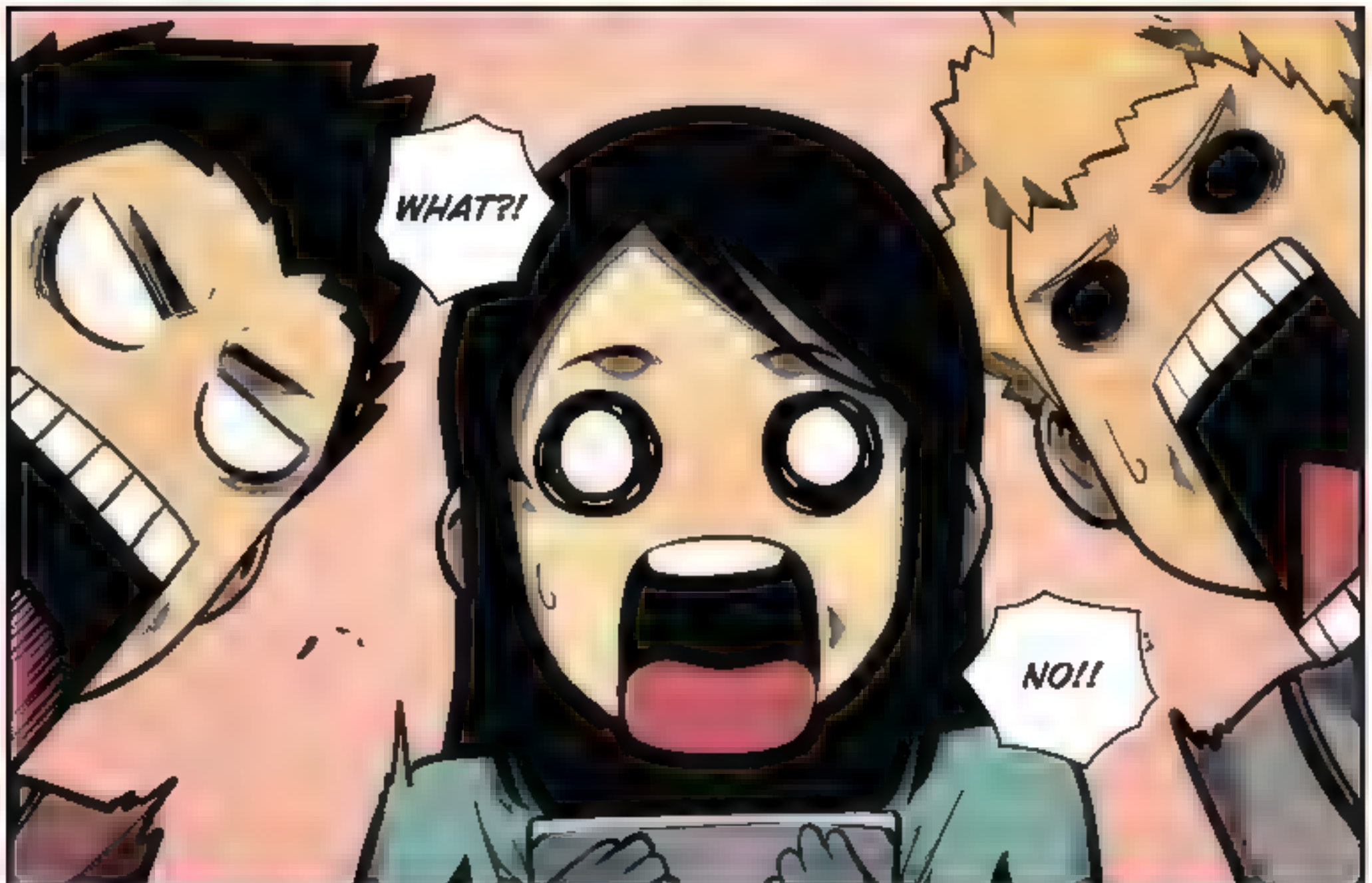
Hunter Byunggu Min's death was confirmed by our broadcaster.

The host also relayed that the other hunters at the scene remain in grave danger.



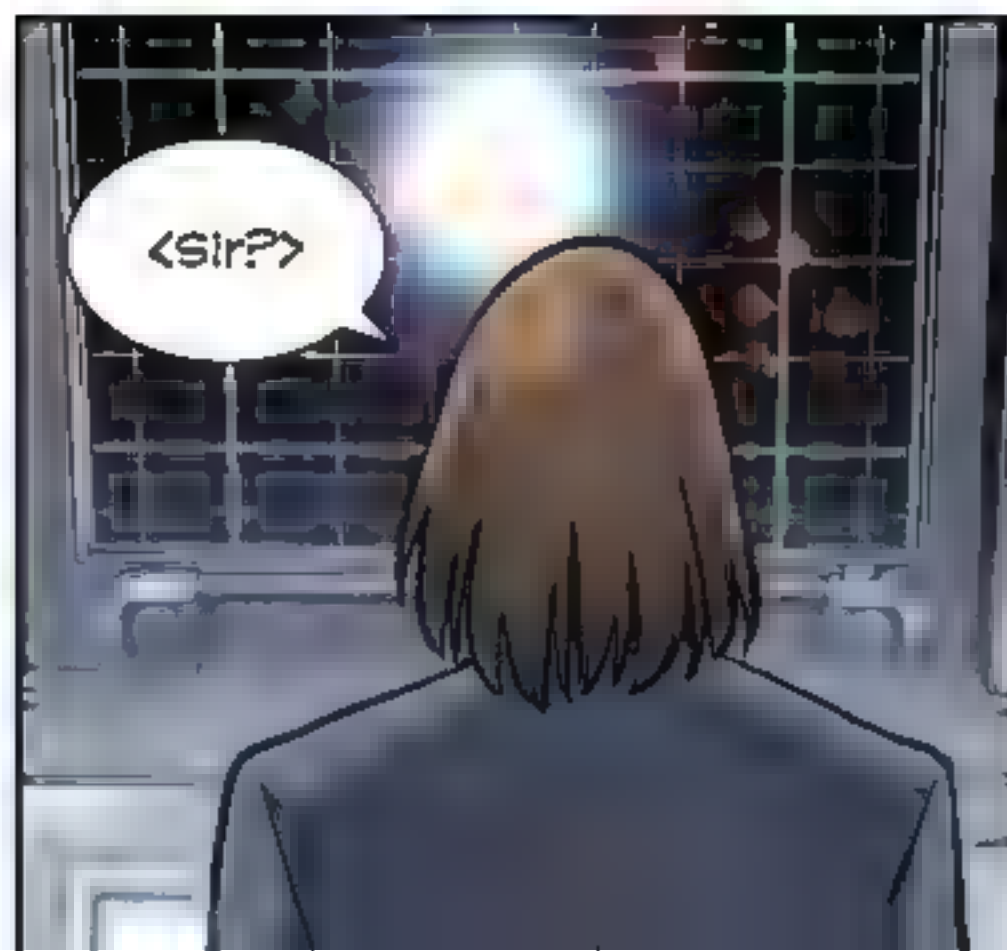
Oh! An unidentified hunter has appeared on the scene just now!

We will return to the live broadcast shortly.



WHAT?!

NO!!





A close-up of a man with dark hair and a goatee, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He has a serious, slightly concerned expression. A speech bubble is in the top left corner.

<Where
is this magic
beast?>

PRESIDENT OF
THE HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION OF
JAPAN



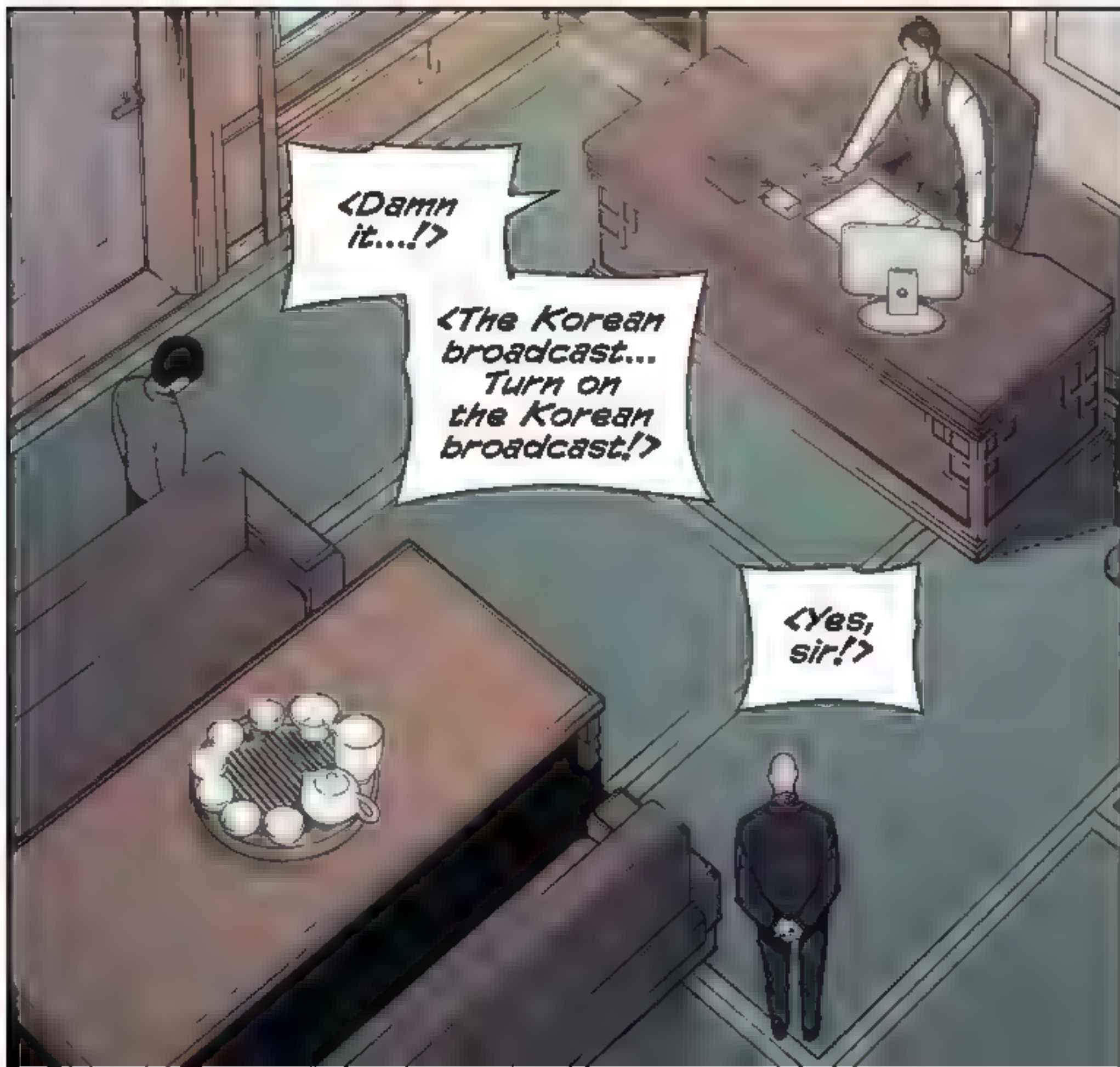
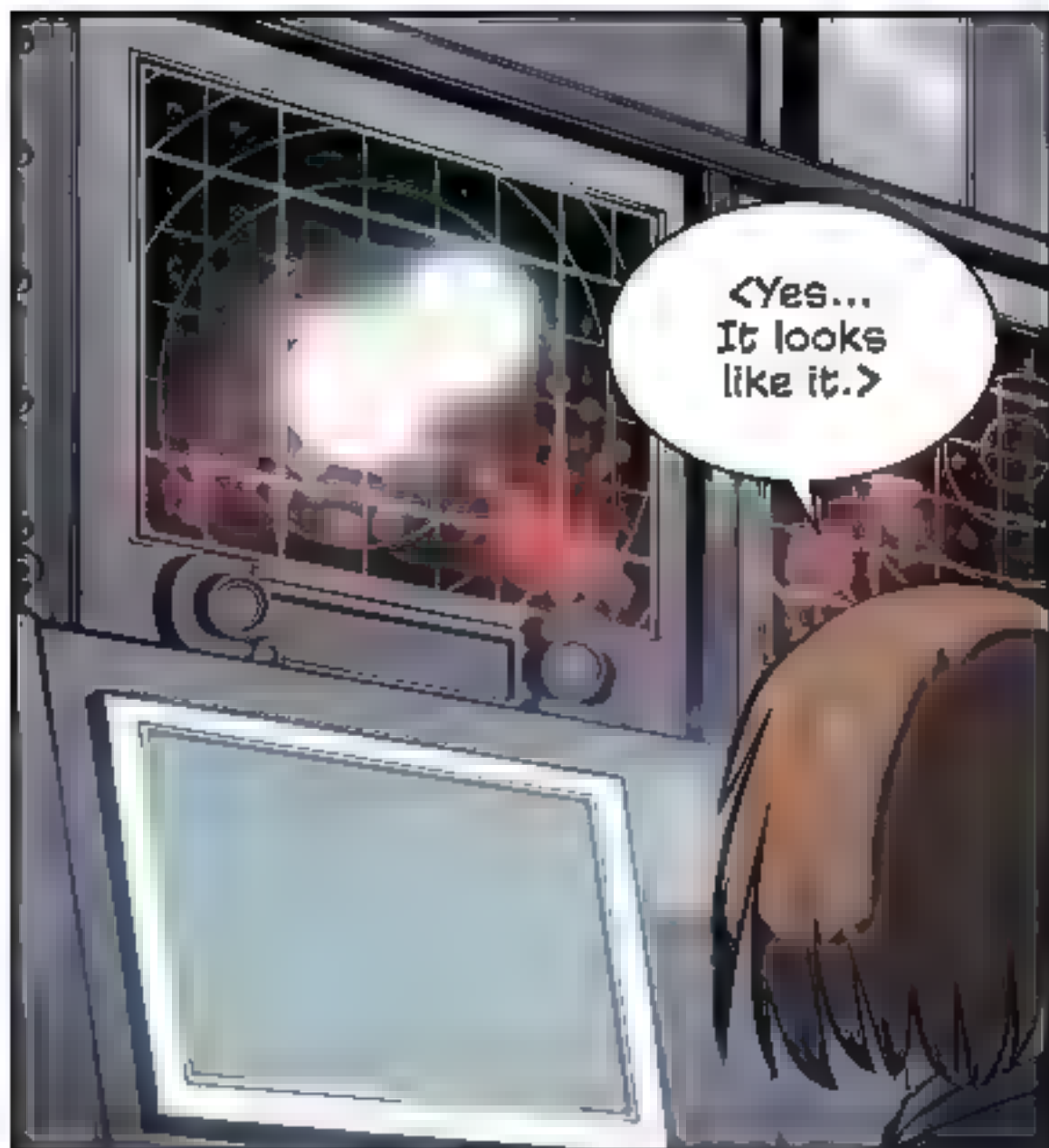
A close-up of a man's face, shown in profile, looking towards the right. He has dark hair and a goatee, and his mouth is open as if speaking. A speech bubble is above him.

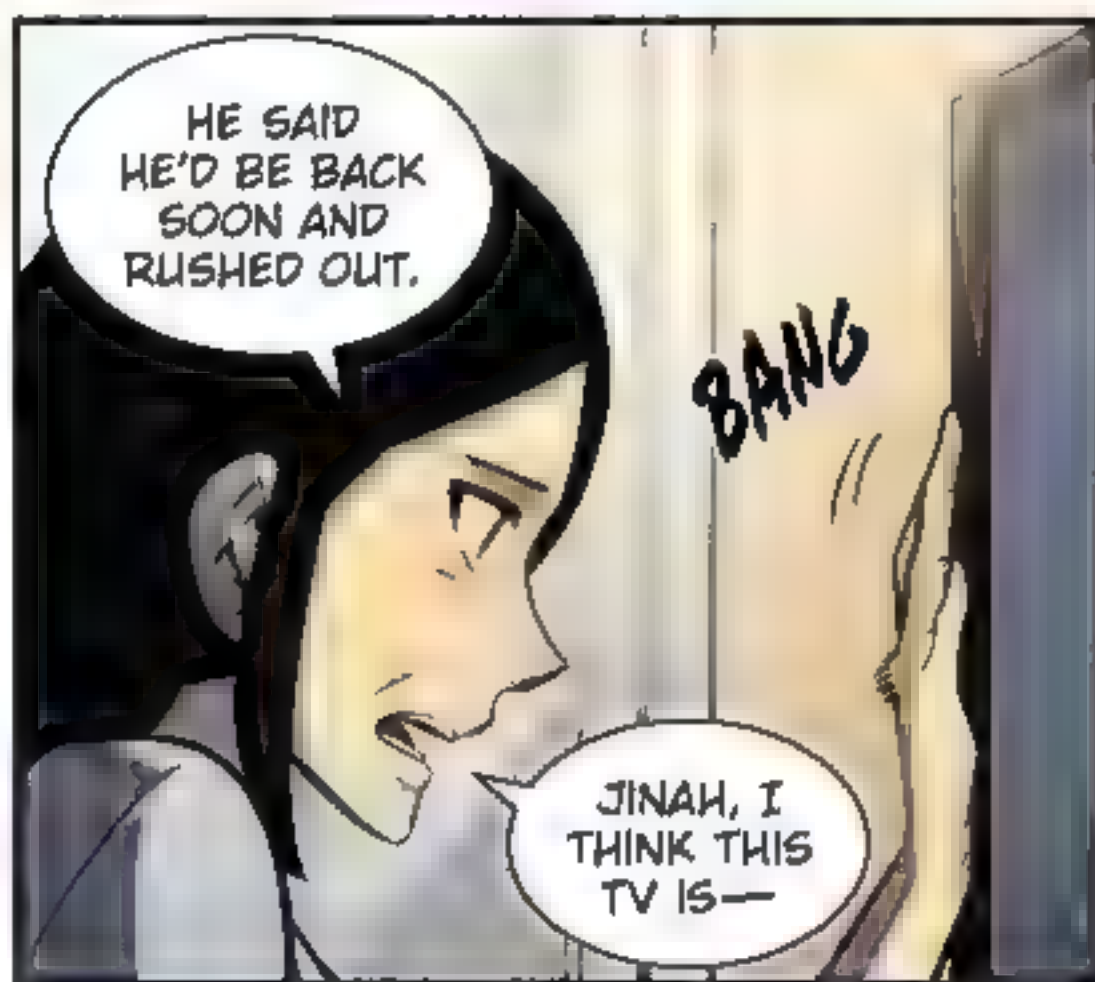
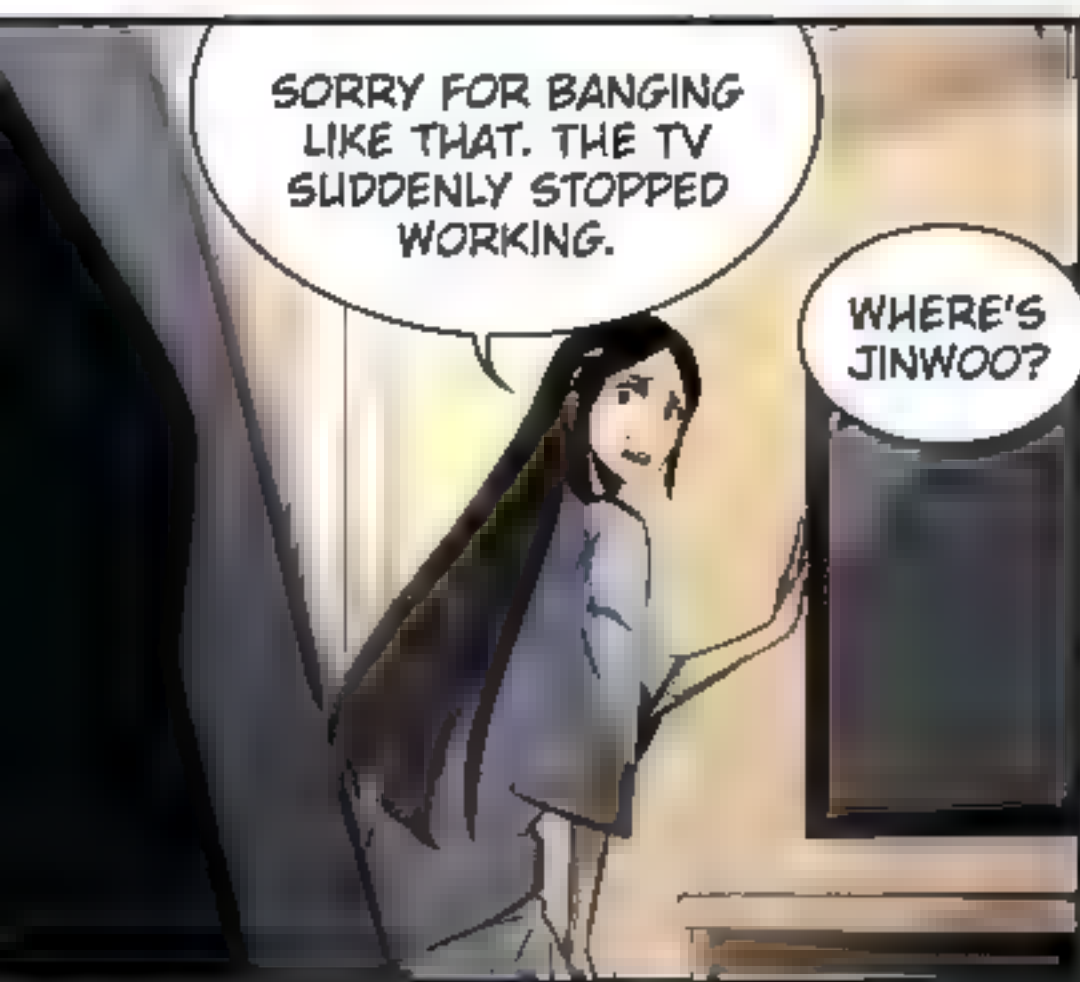
<It has just
returned to
the queen's
chamber!>

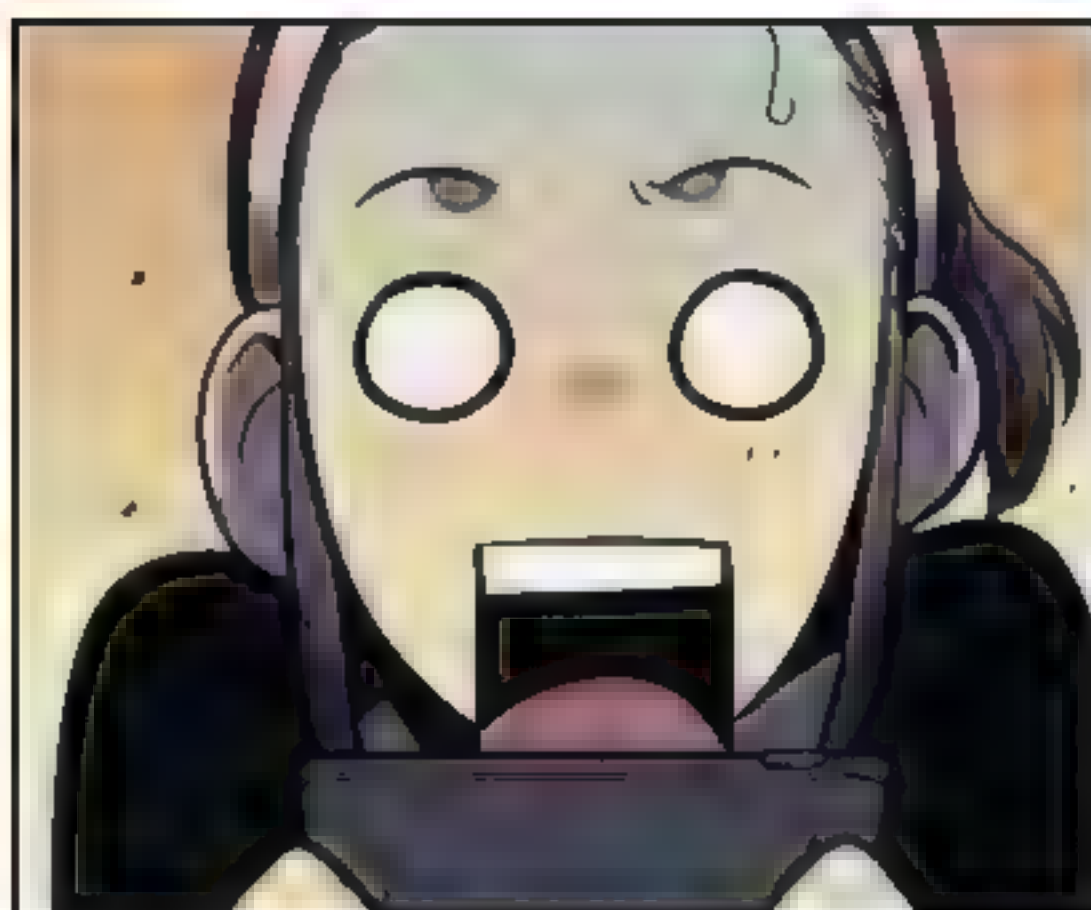
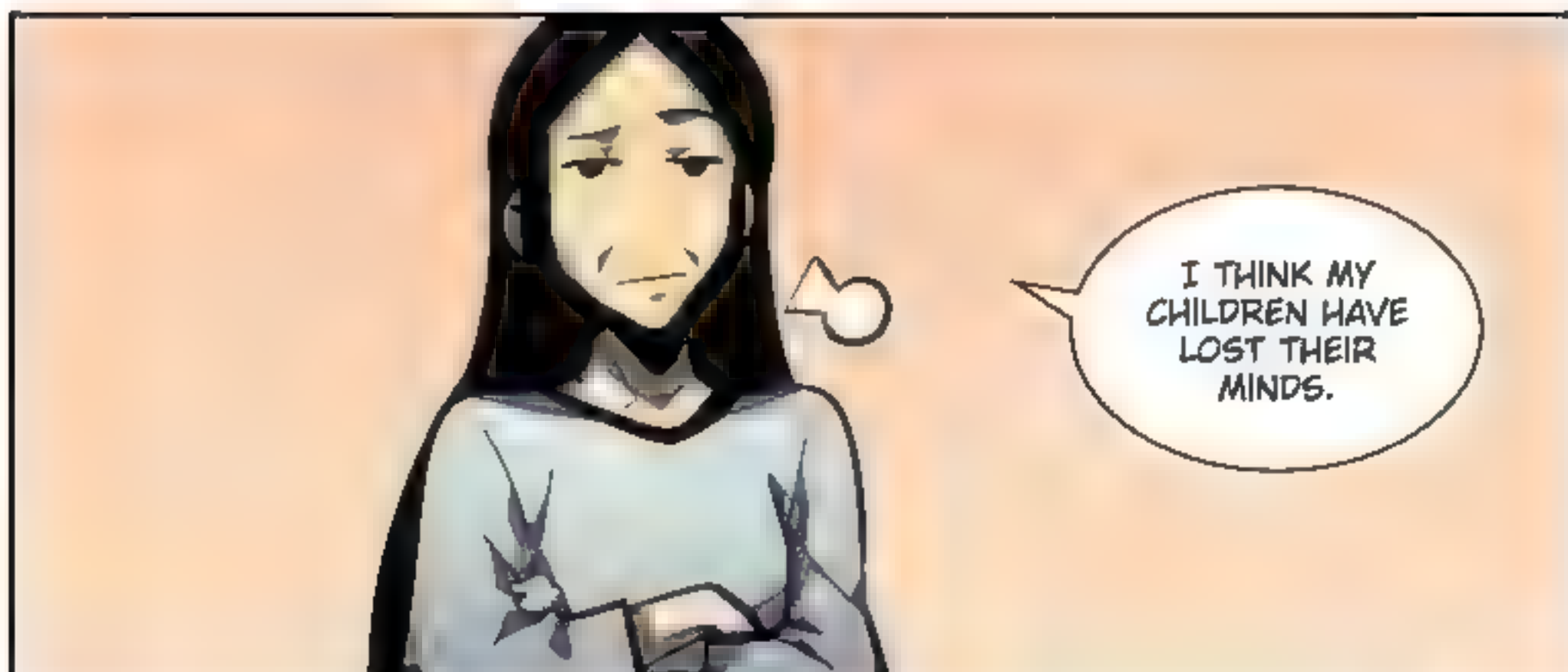


A close-up of a man's face, shown in profile, looking towards the left. He has dark hair and a goatee, and his mouth is open as if speaking. A speech bubble is below him.

*<Is the
Korean team
still alive?!>*



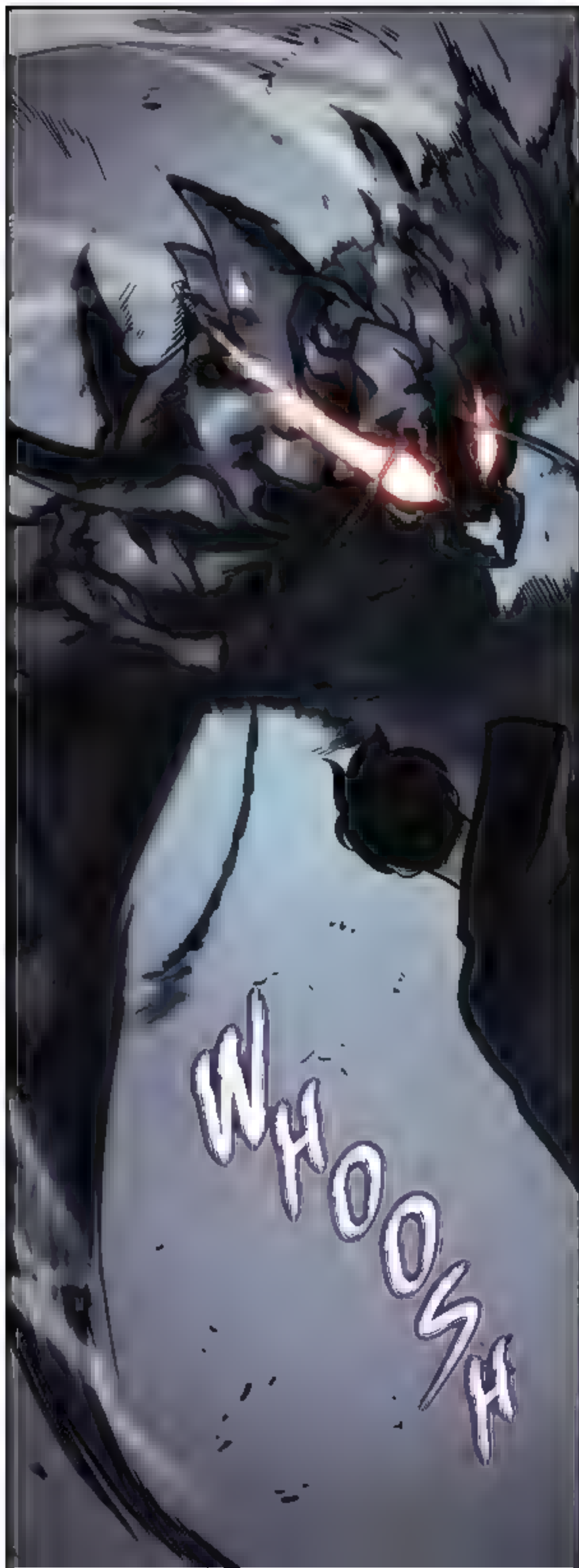


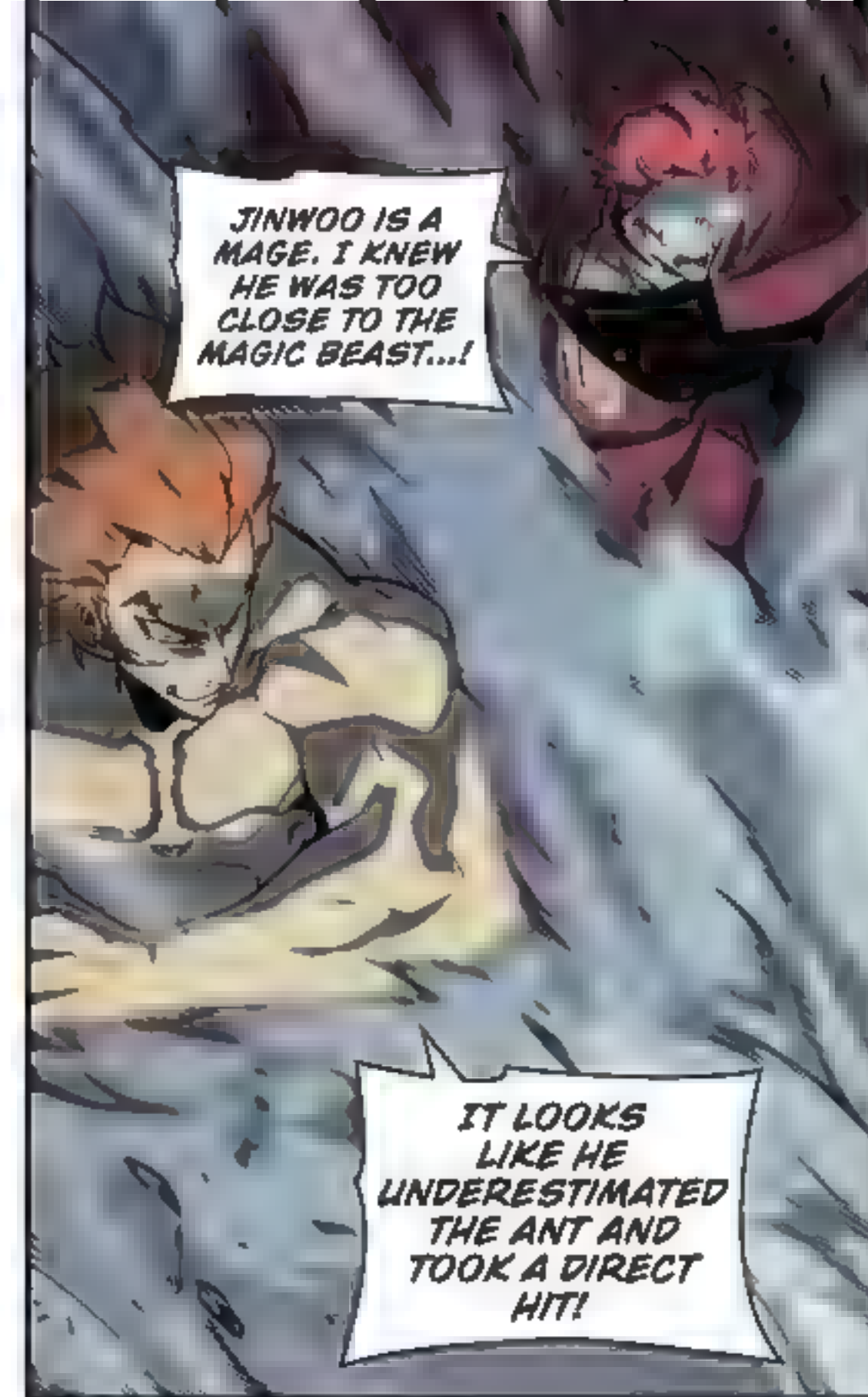
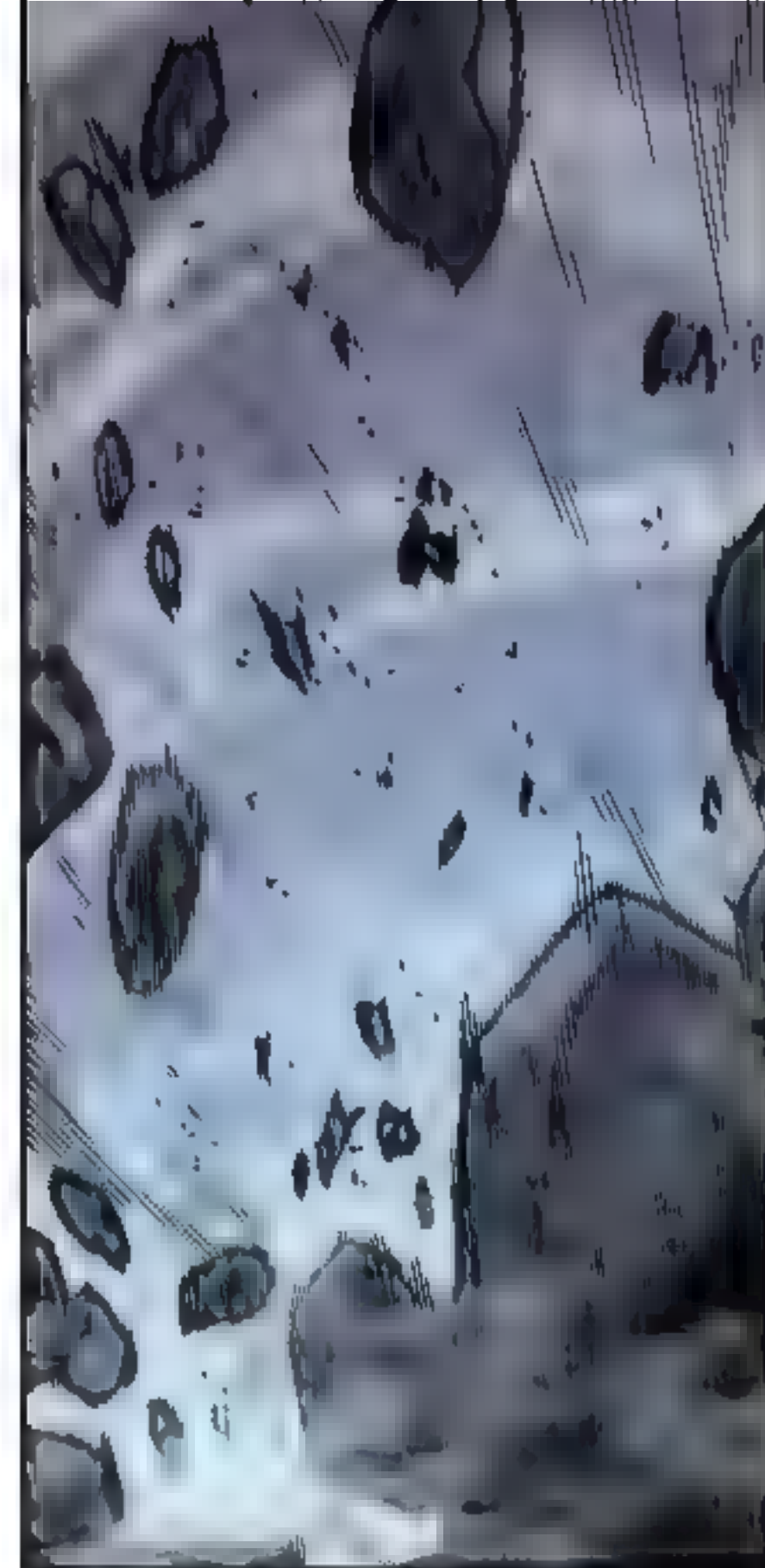
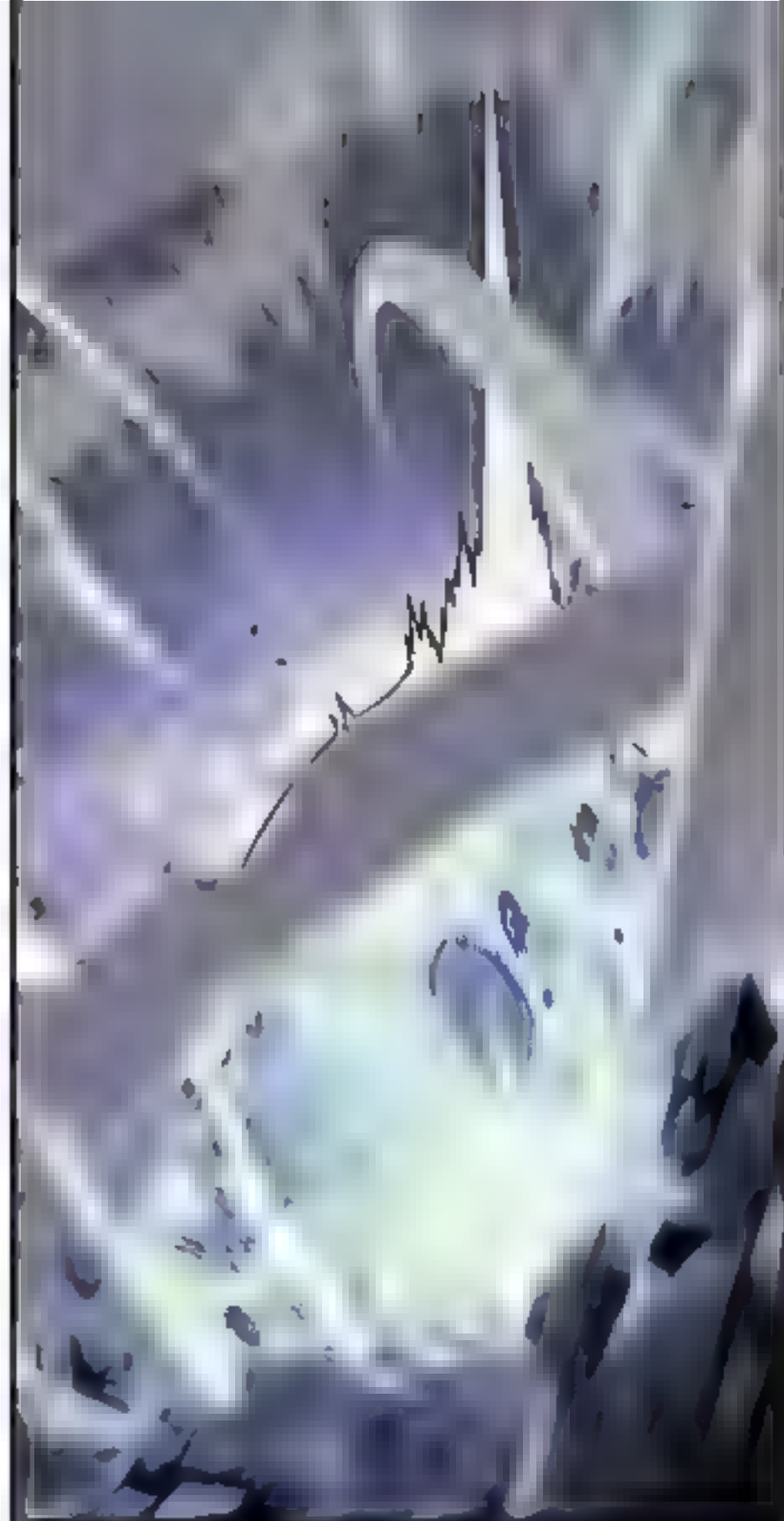


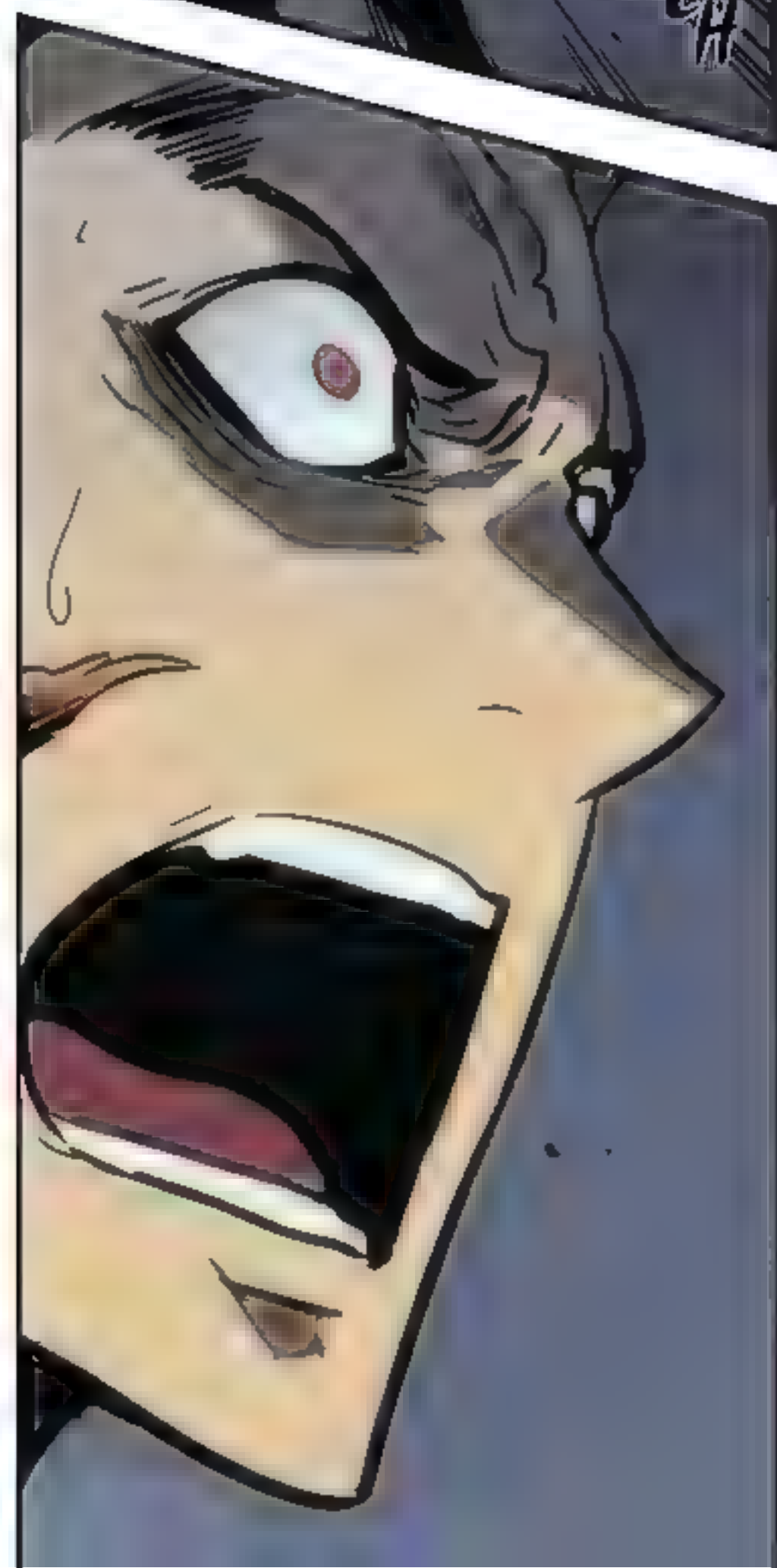
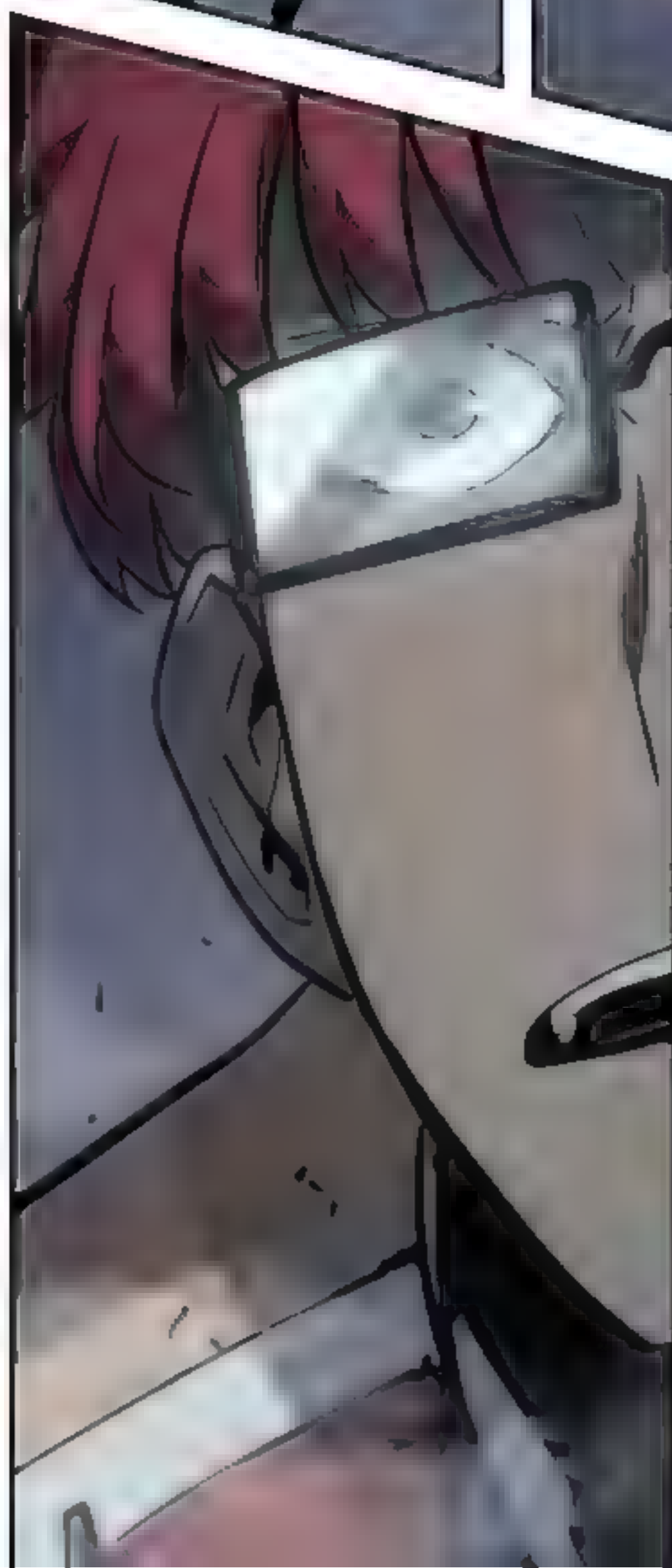


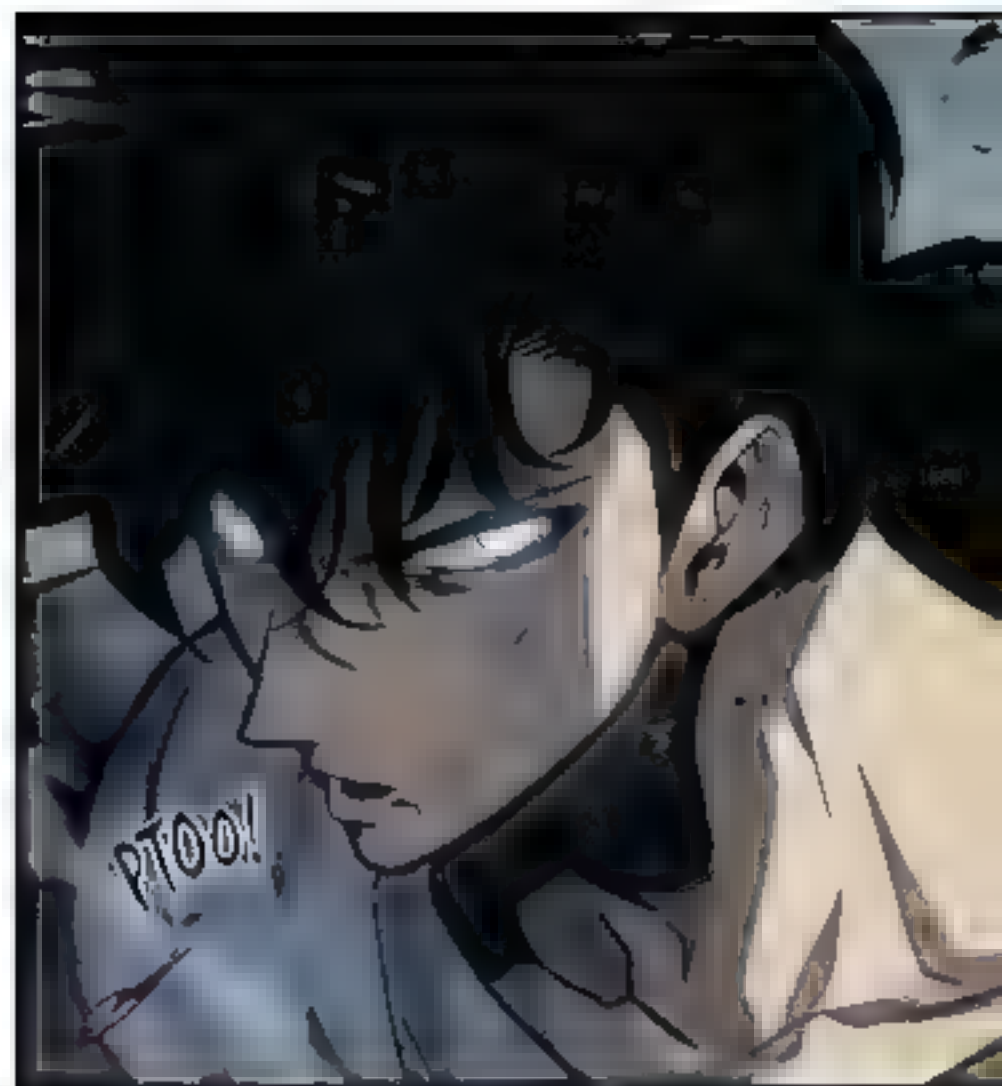
**IT'S
JINWOO!**

**PRESIDENT
GO, PLEASE
CALM DOWN!**

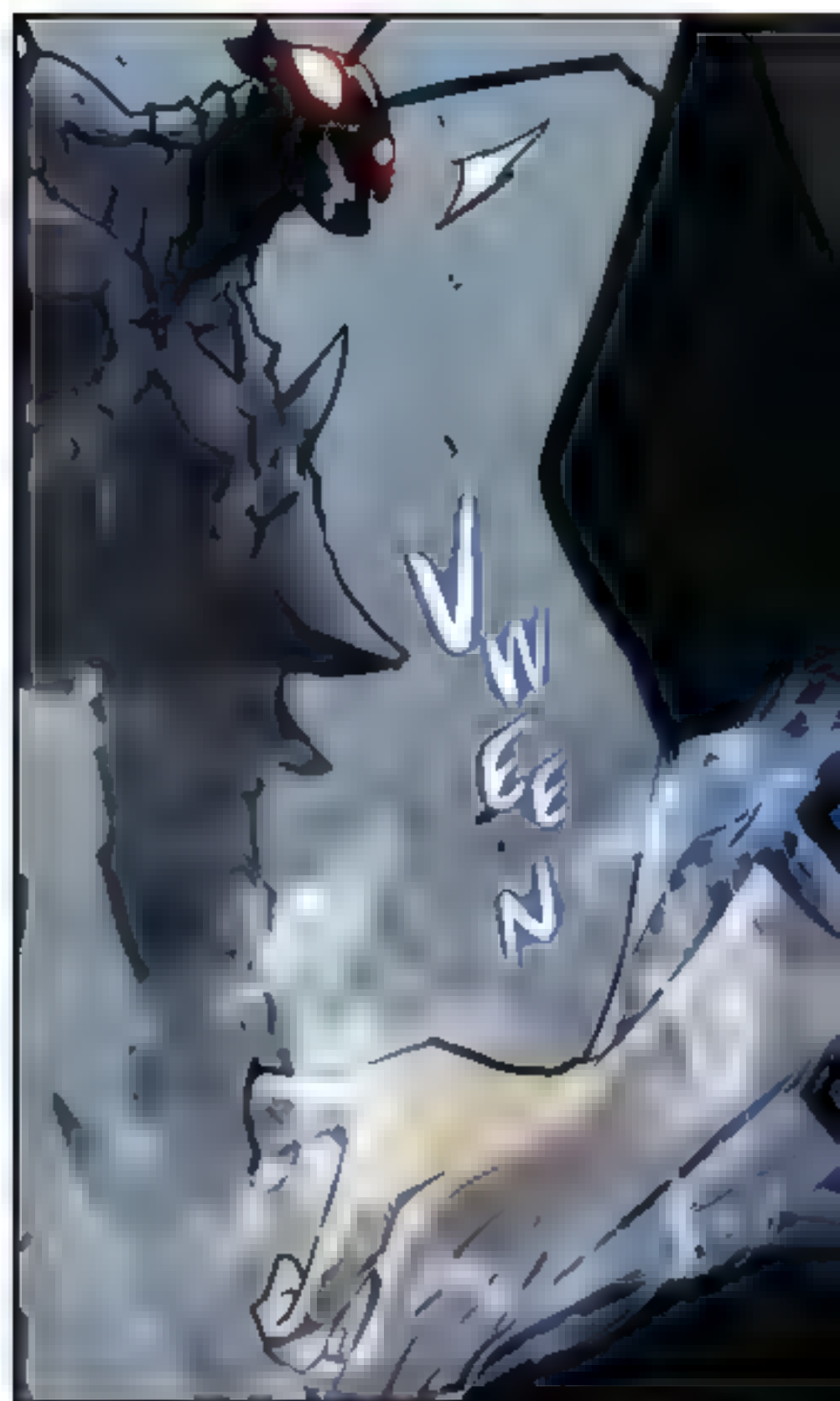


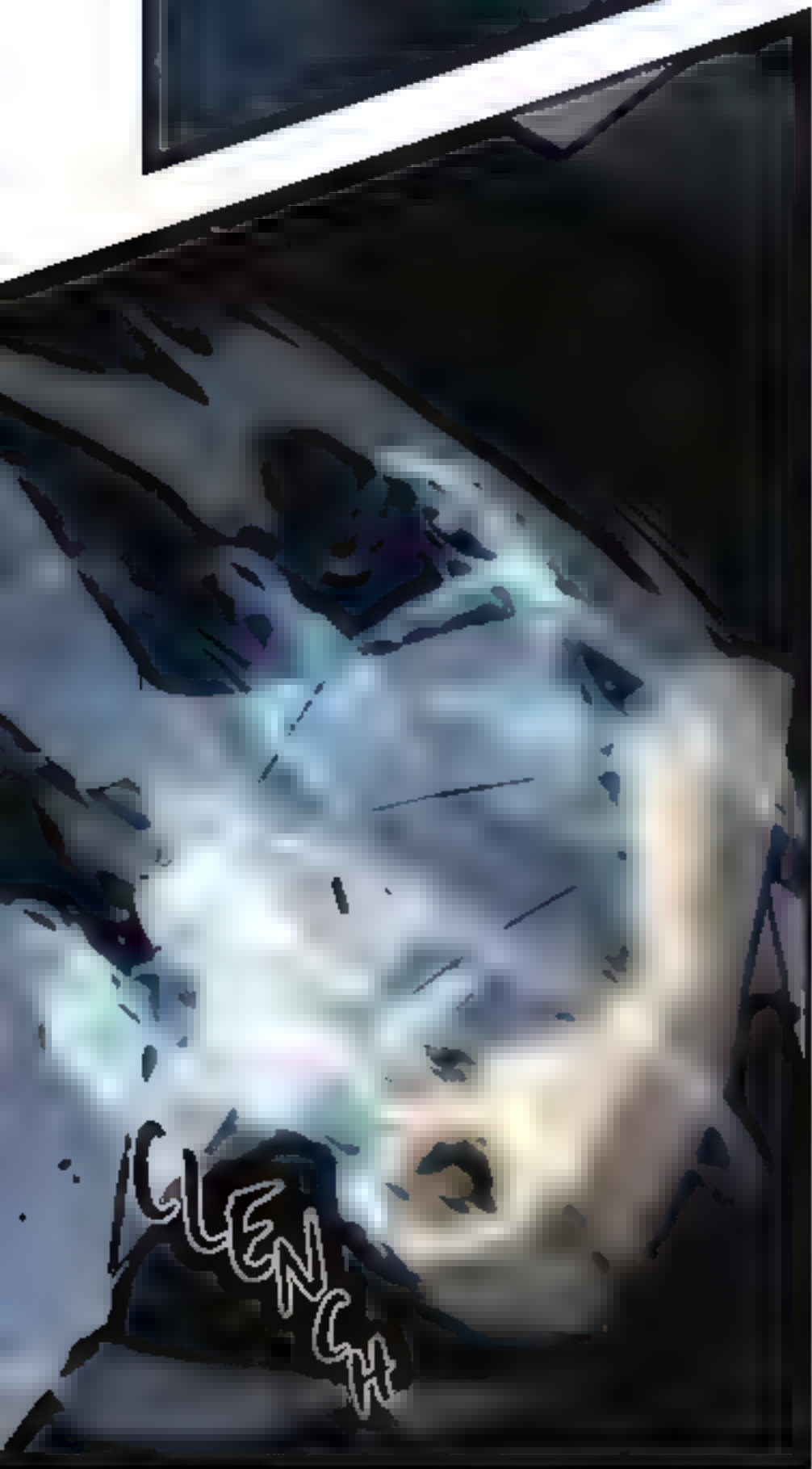


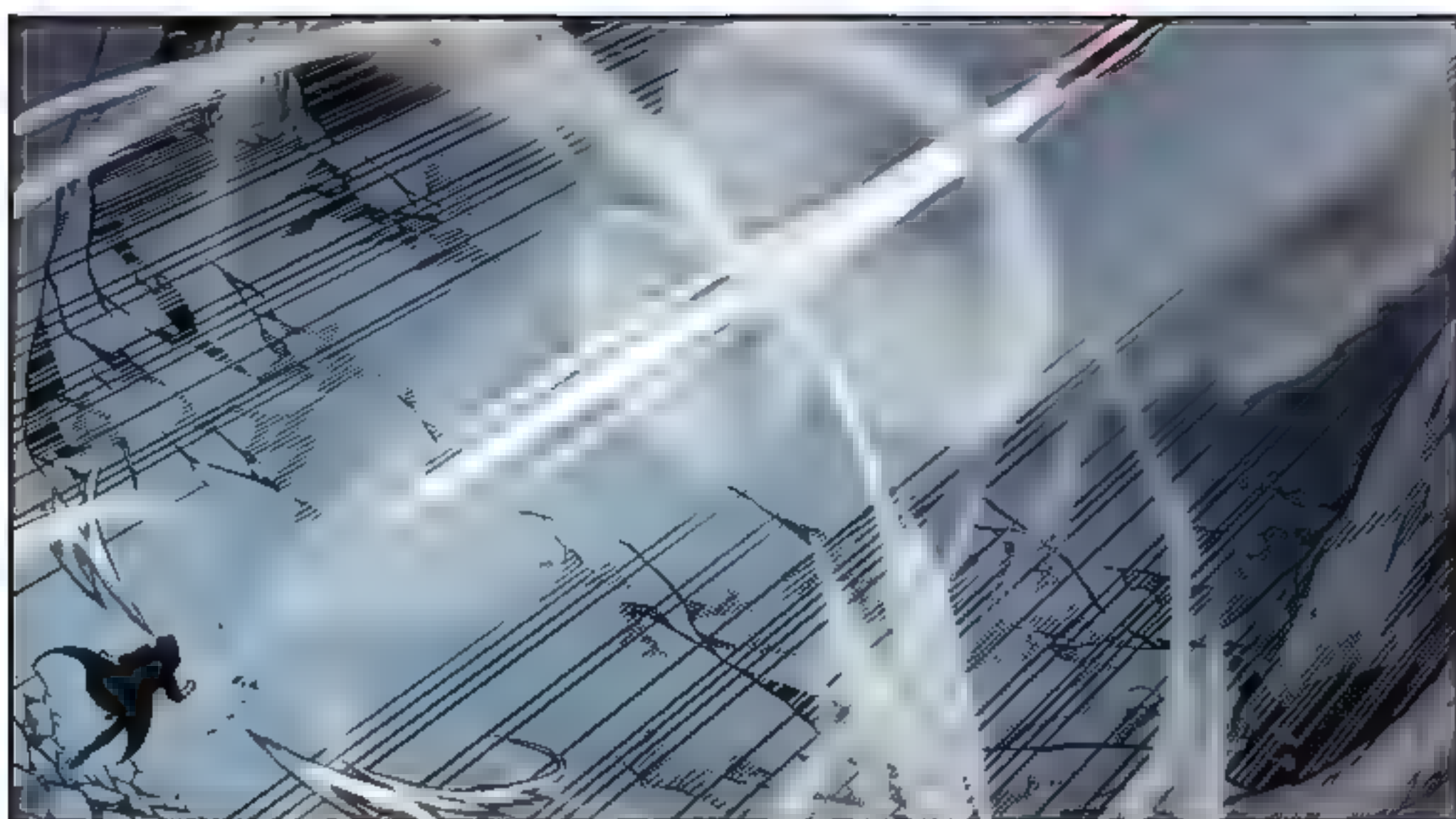
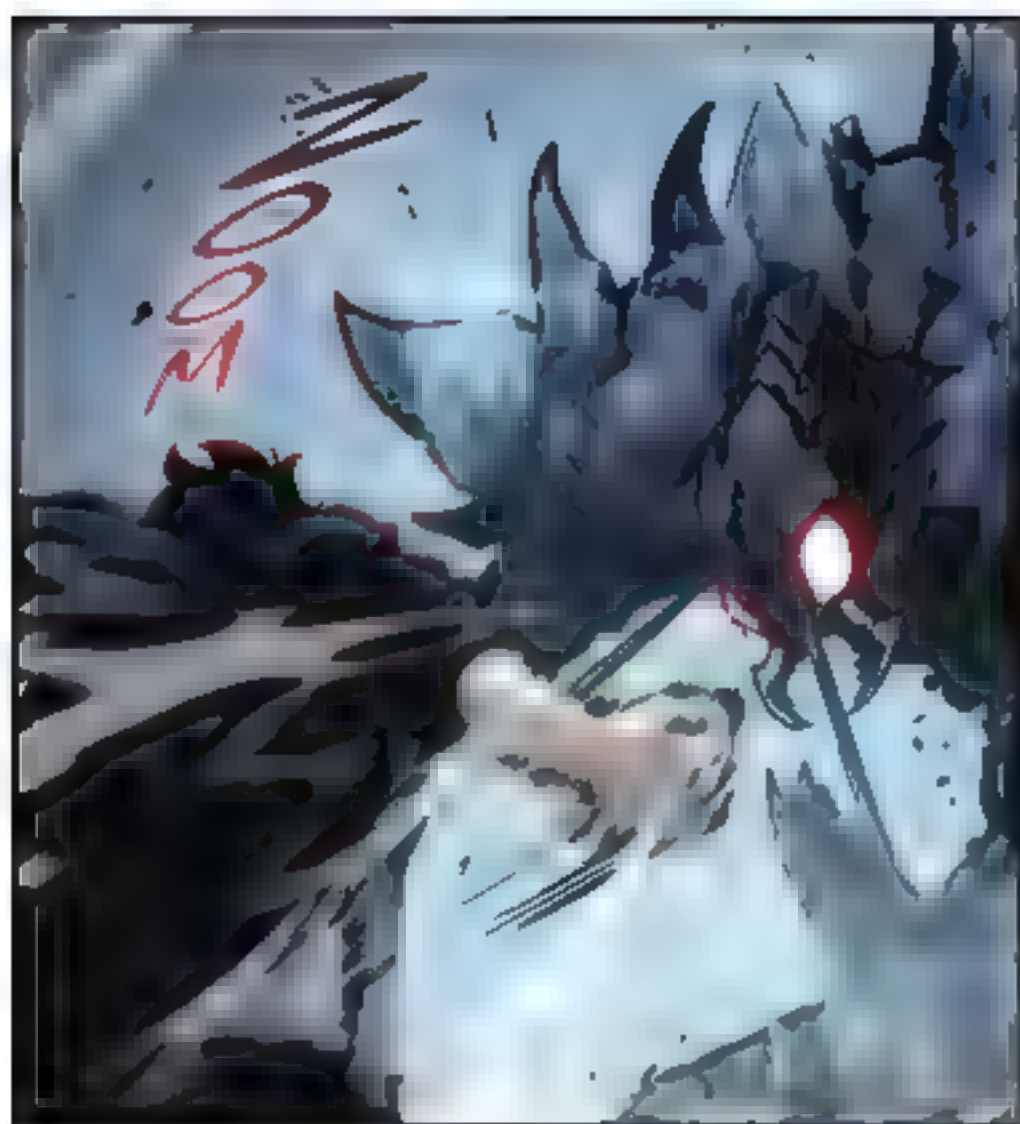
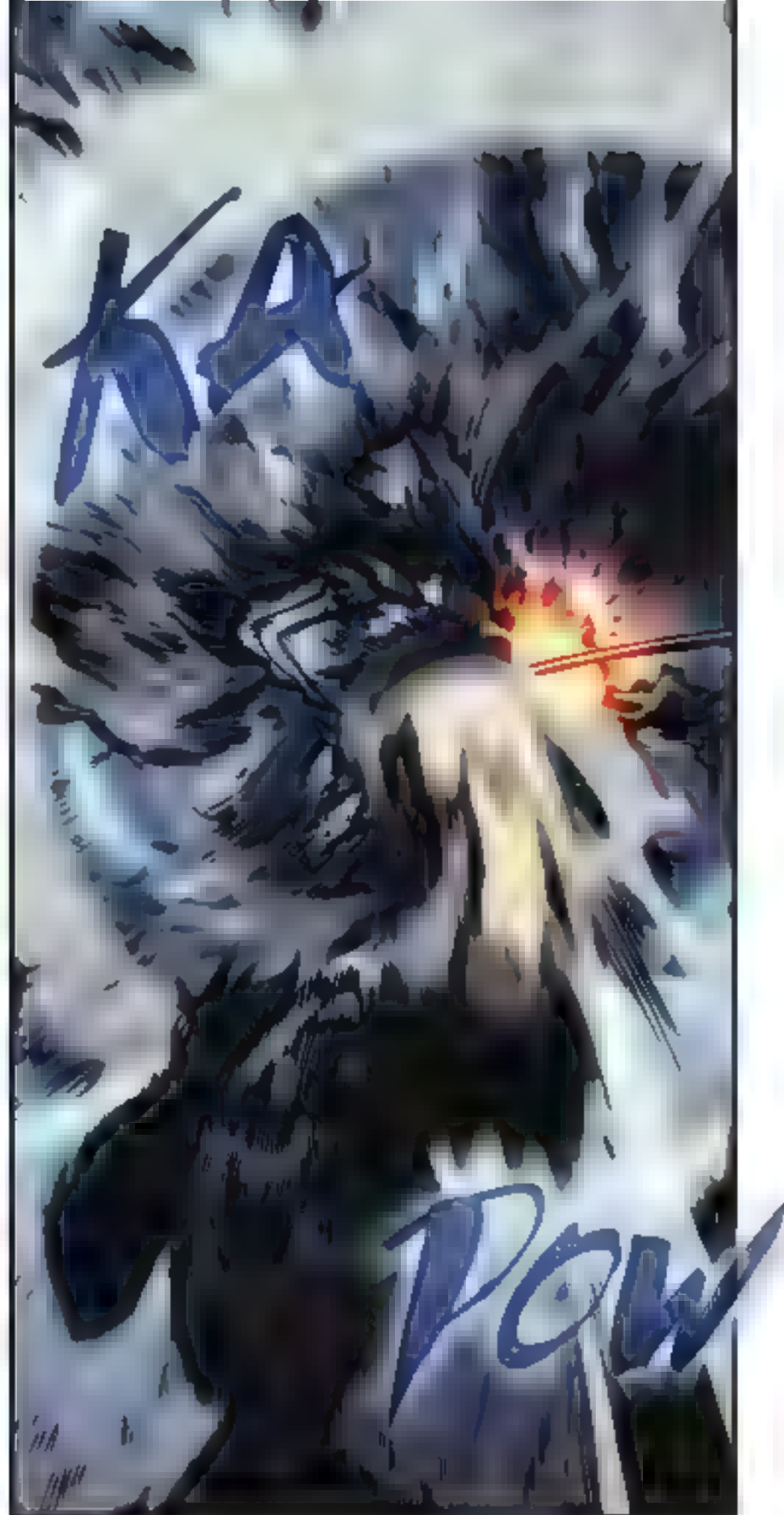




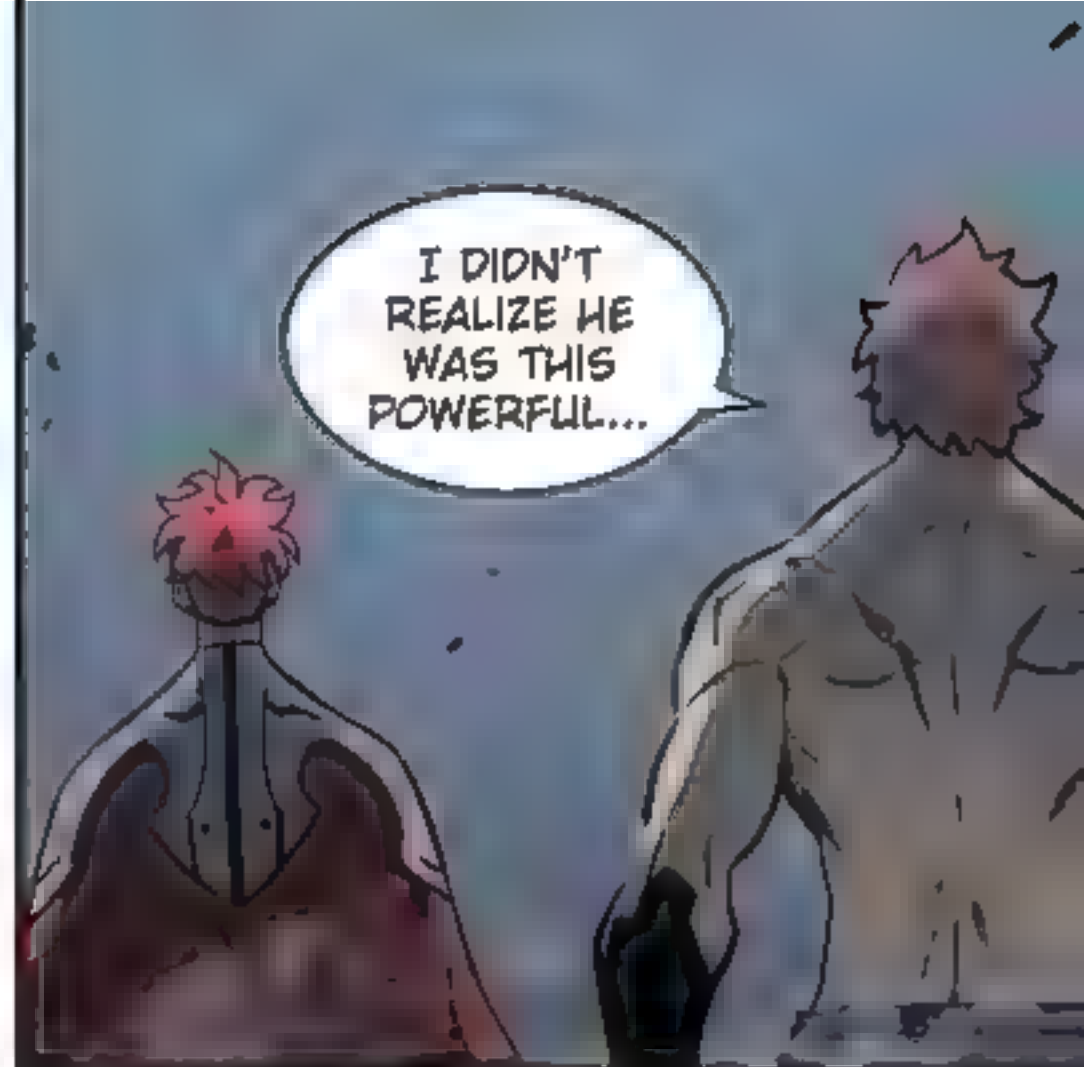
[Skill: Ruler's Hand]
has been activated.

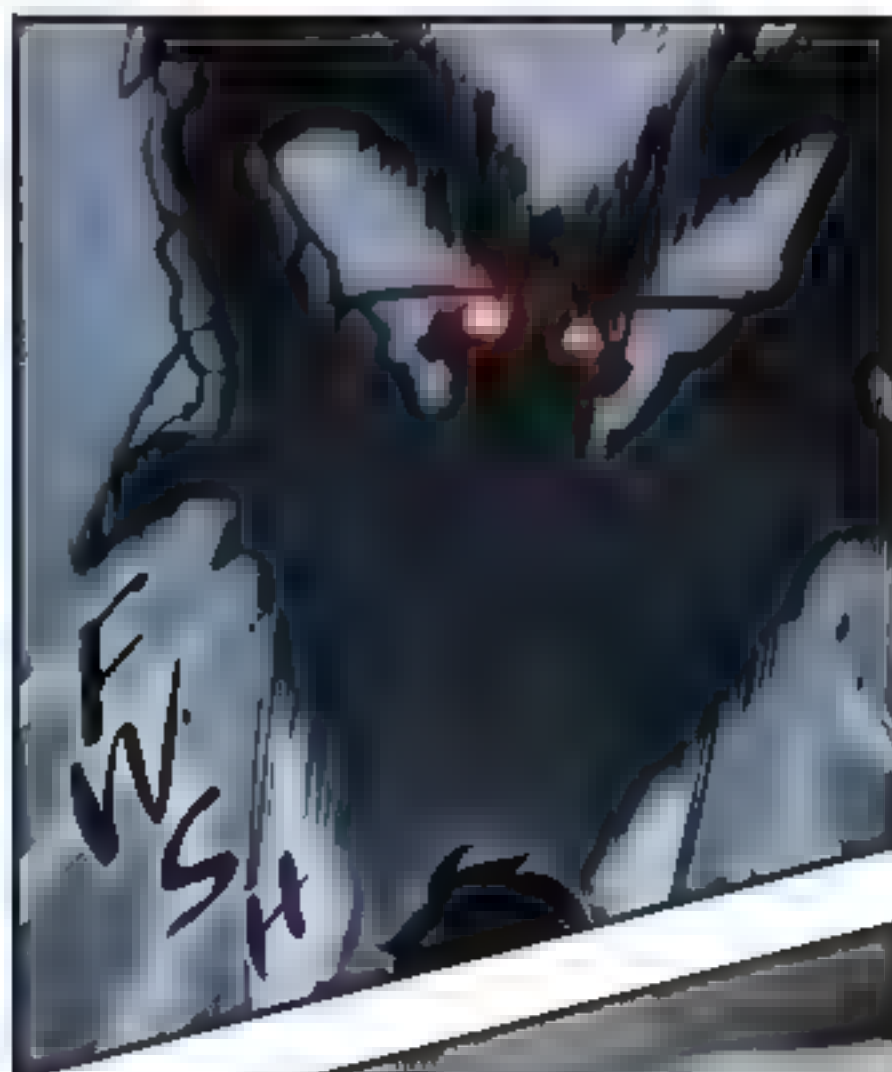
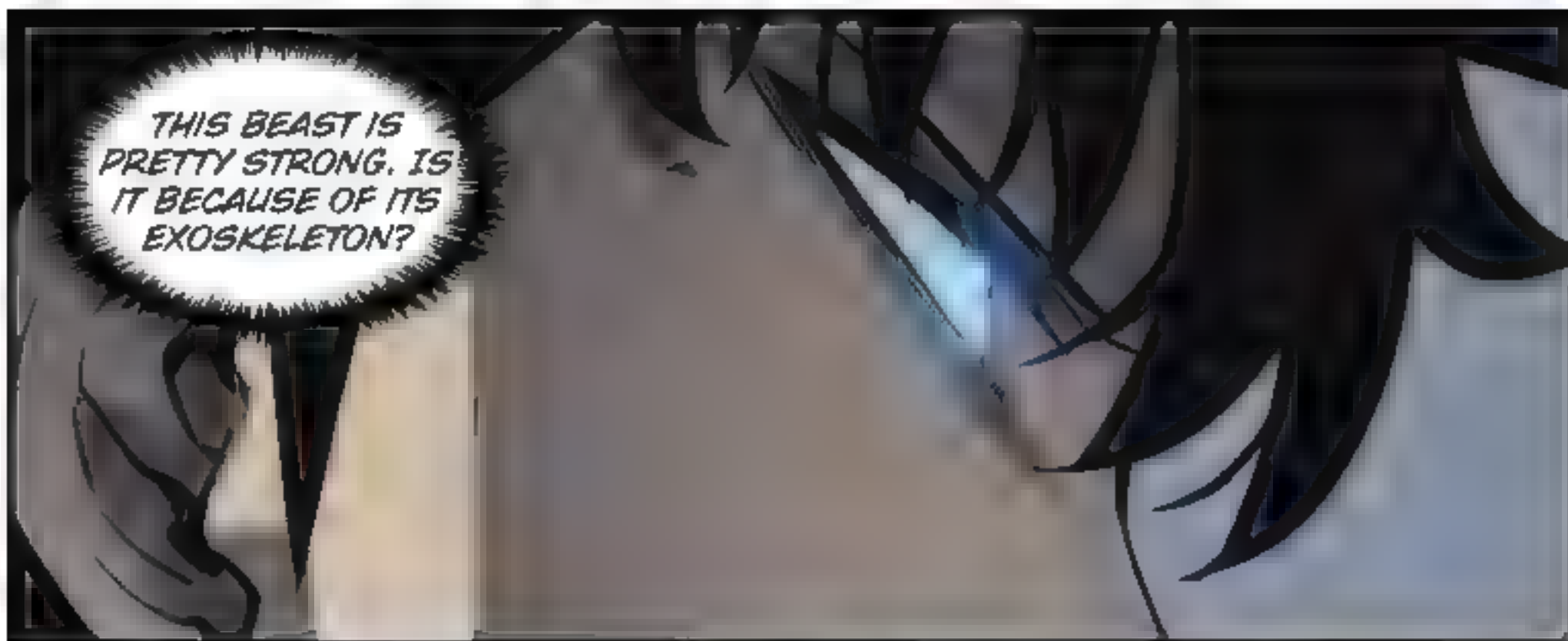


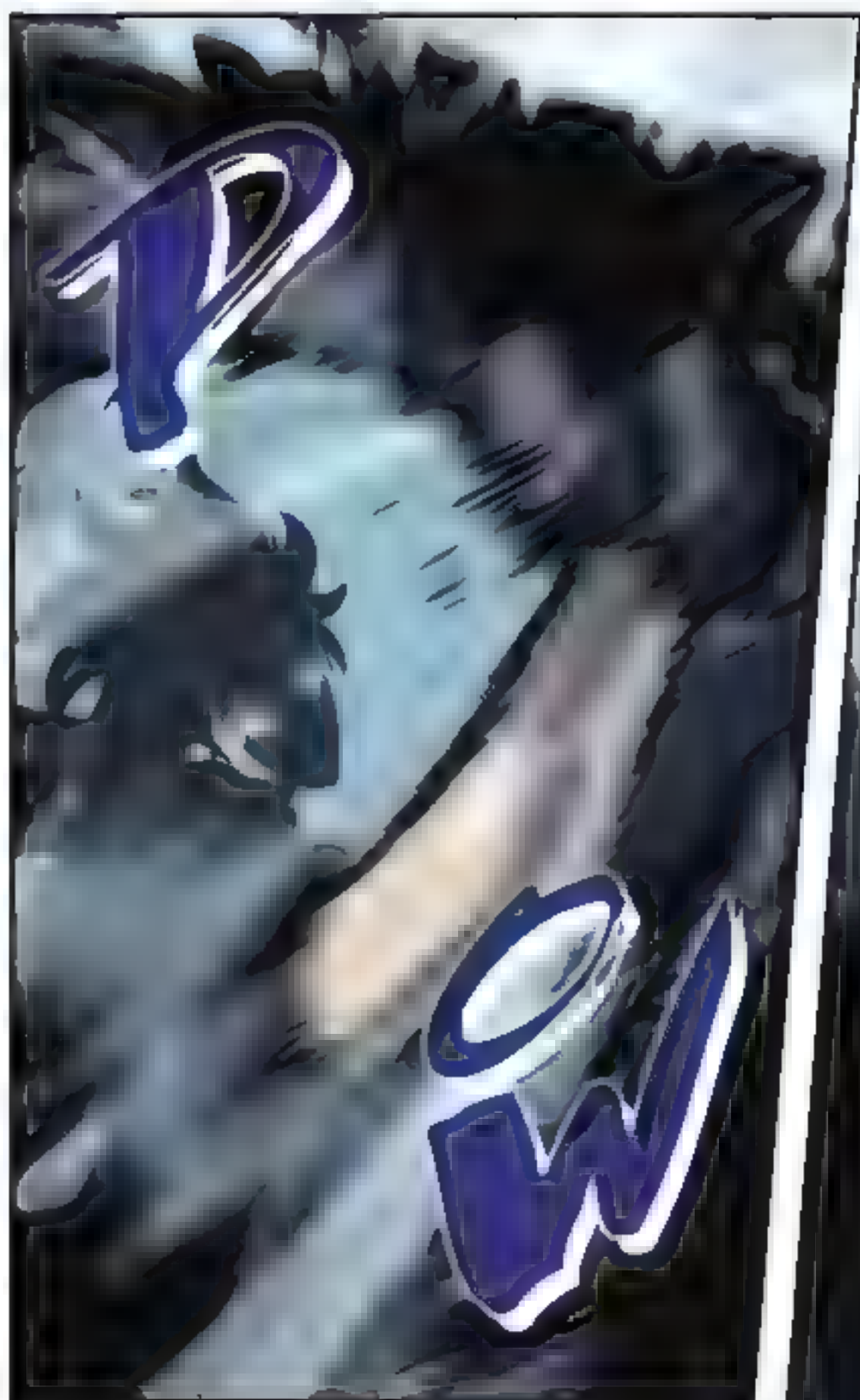


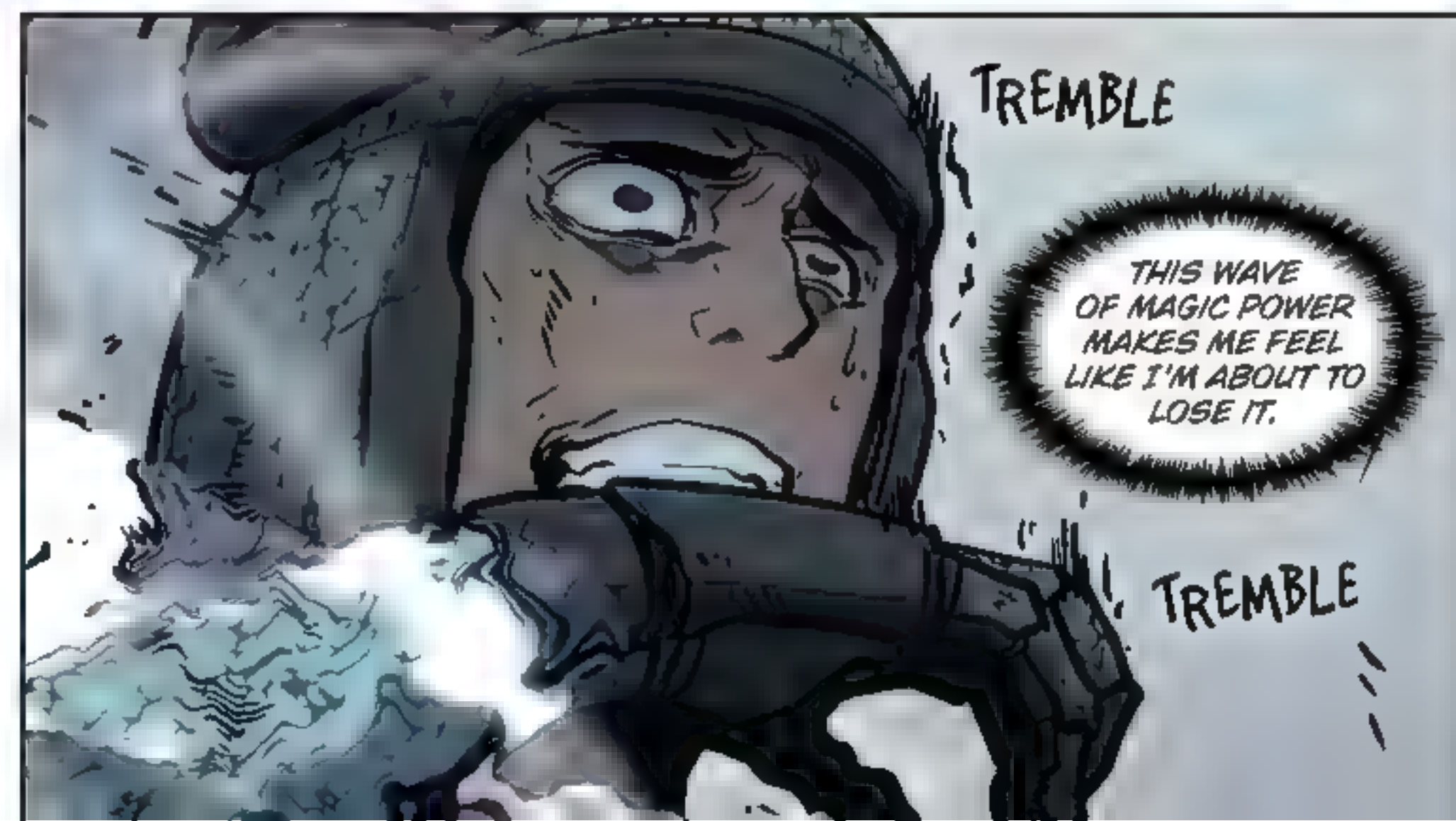
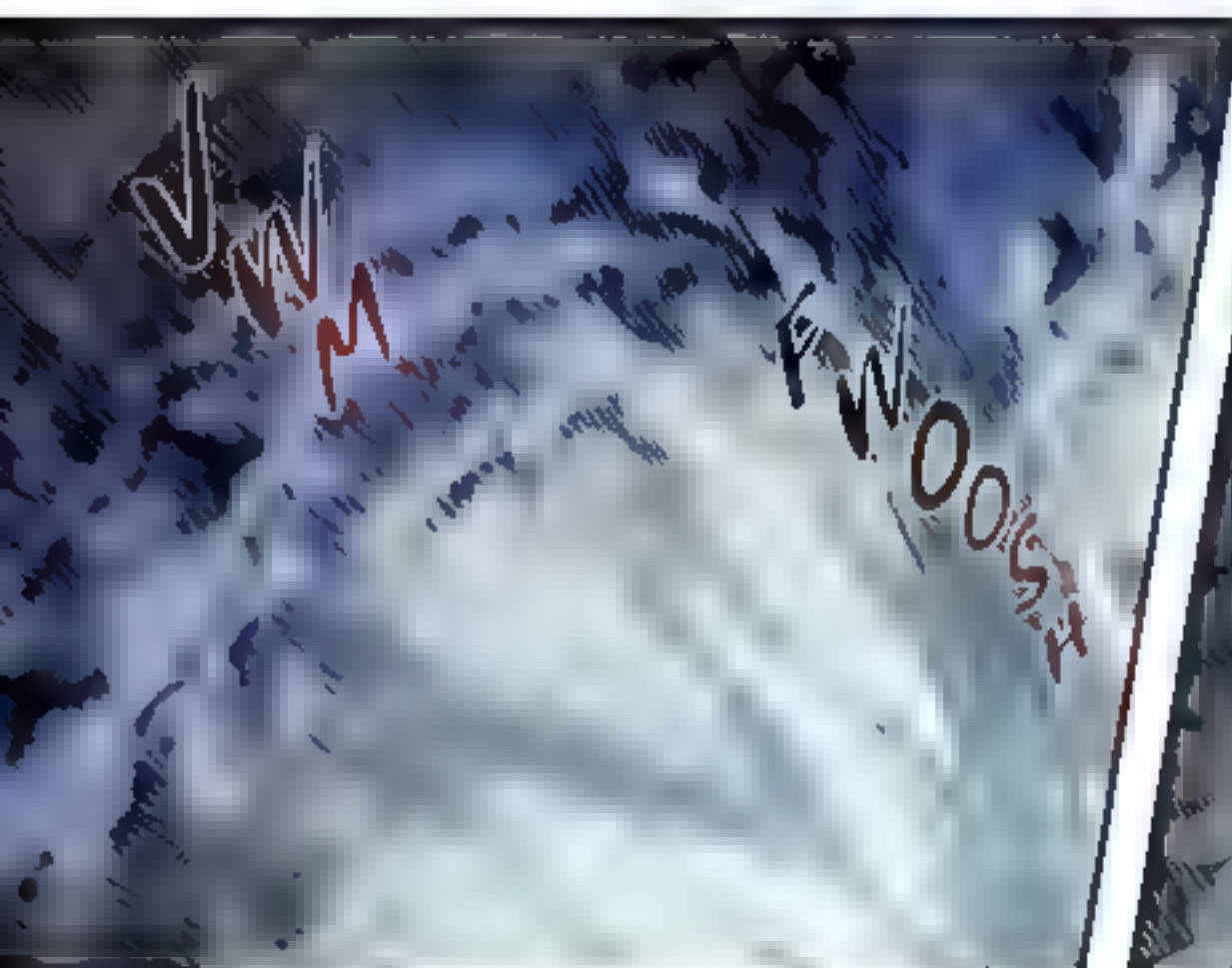


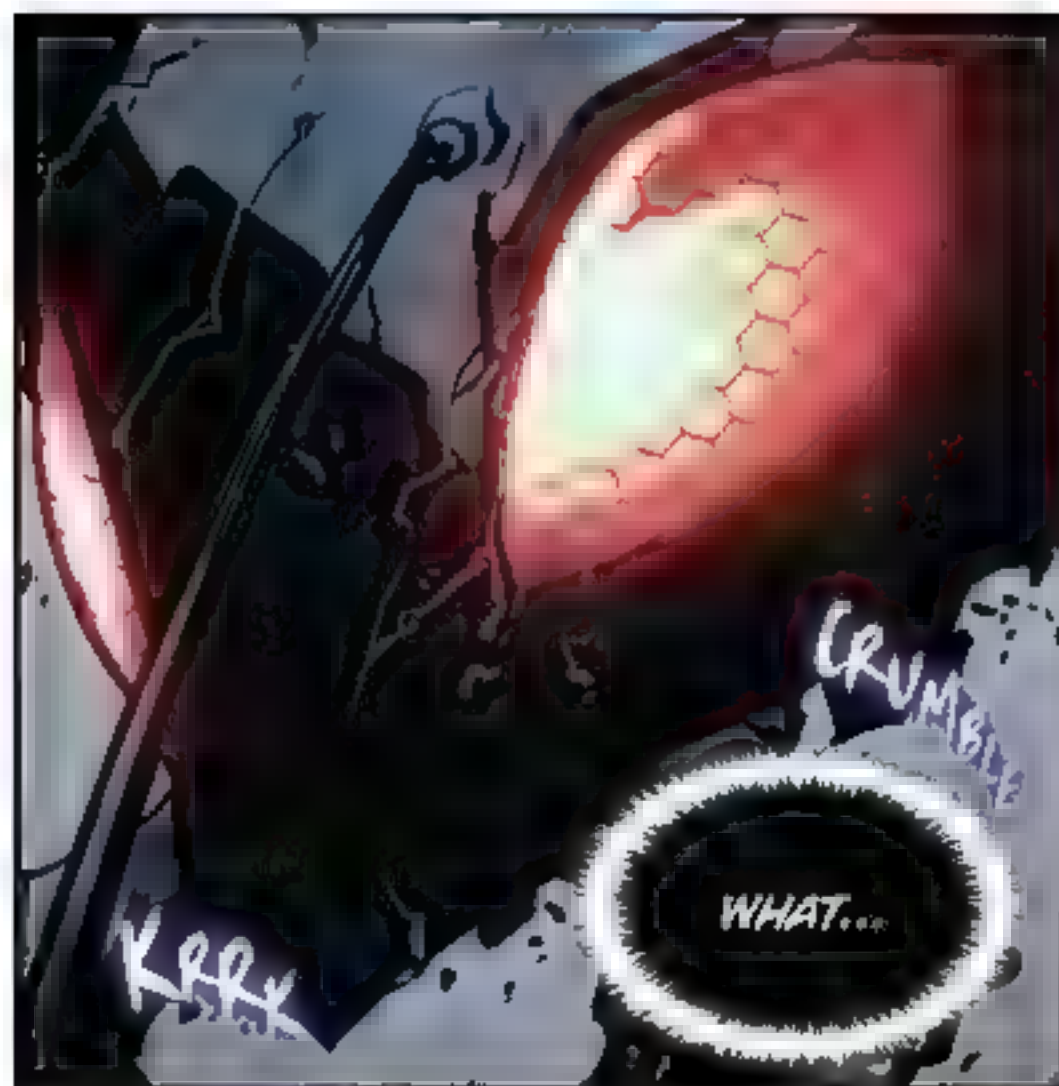


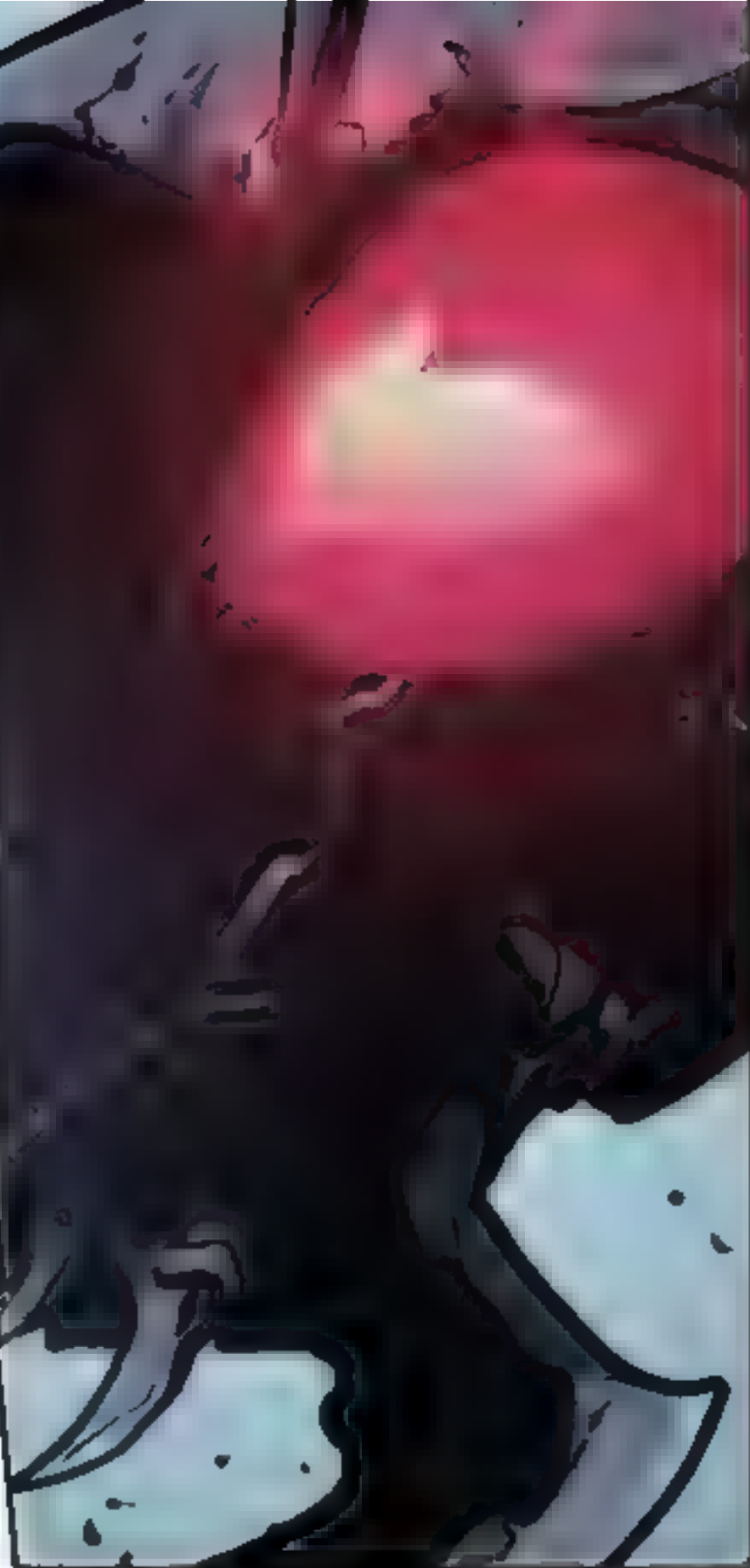


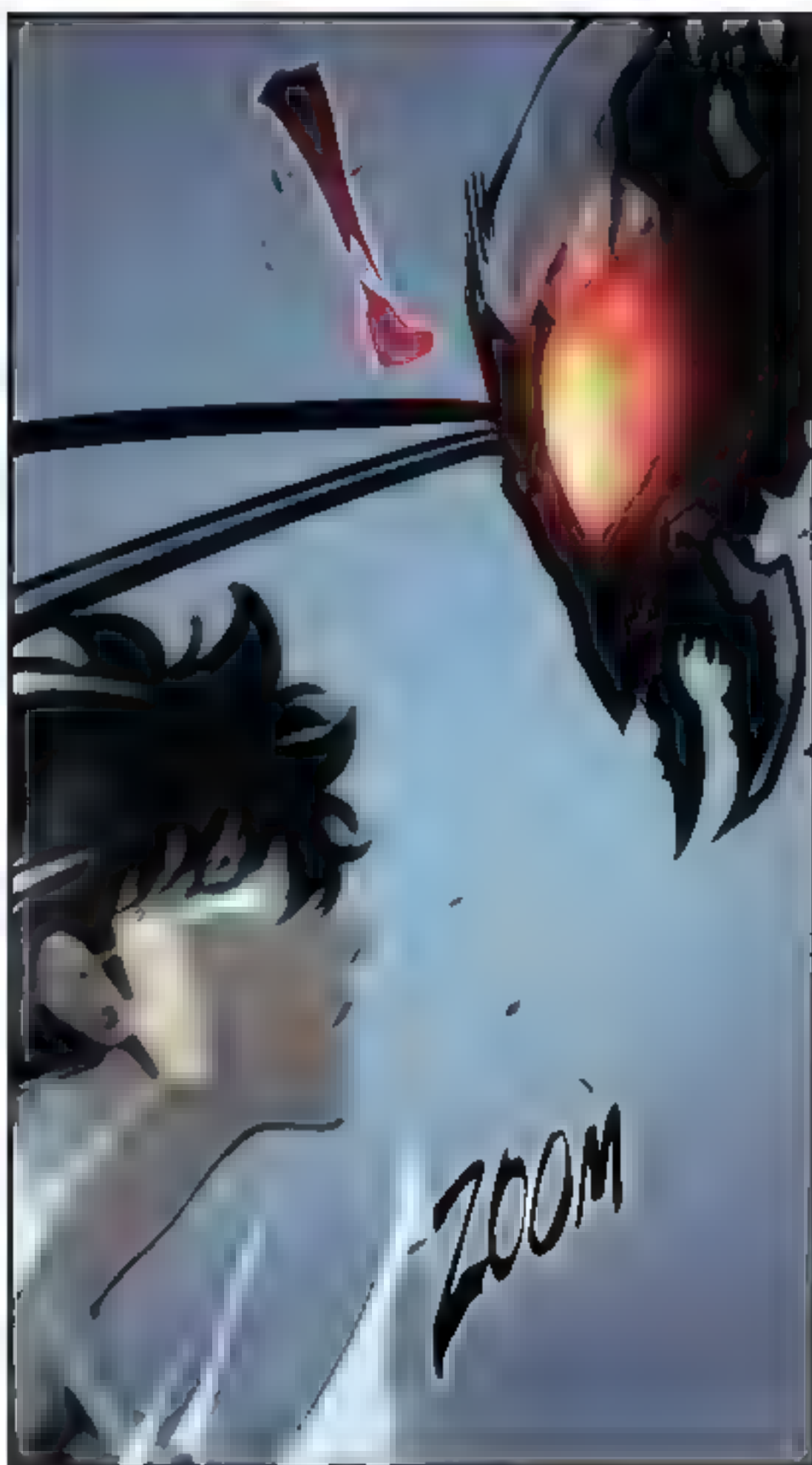
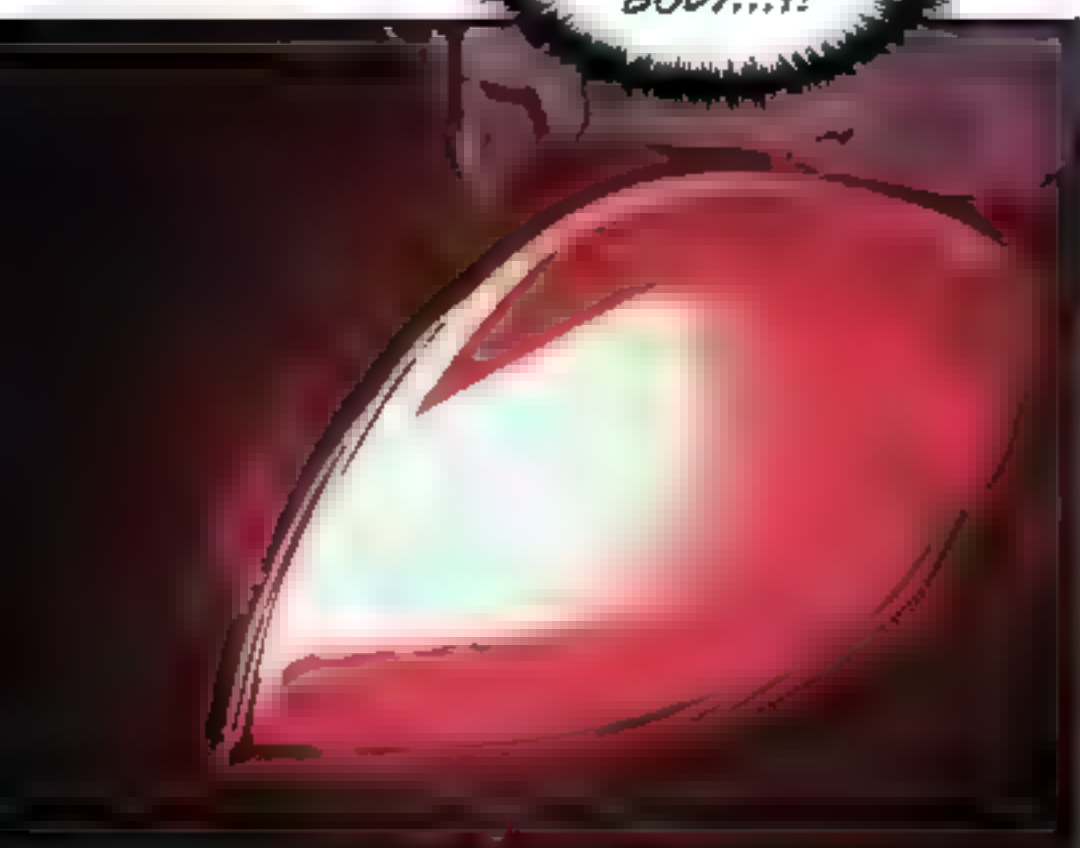


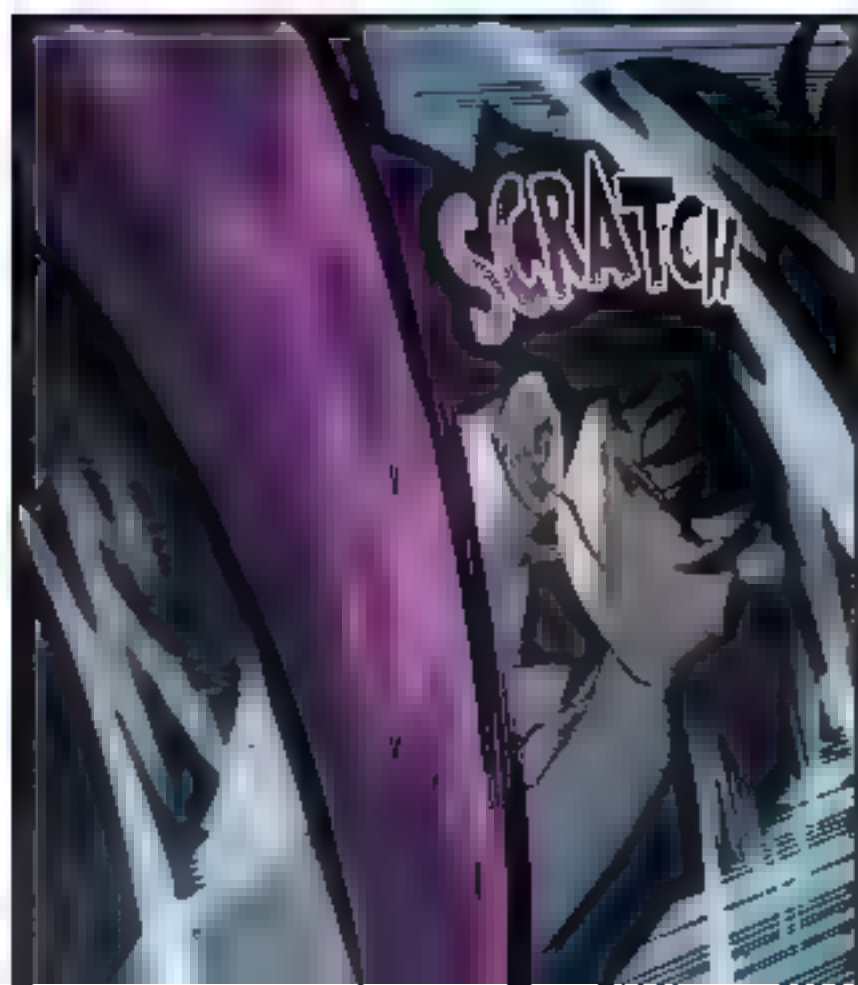
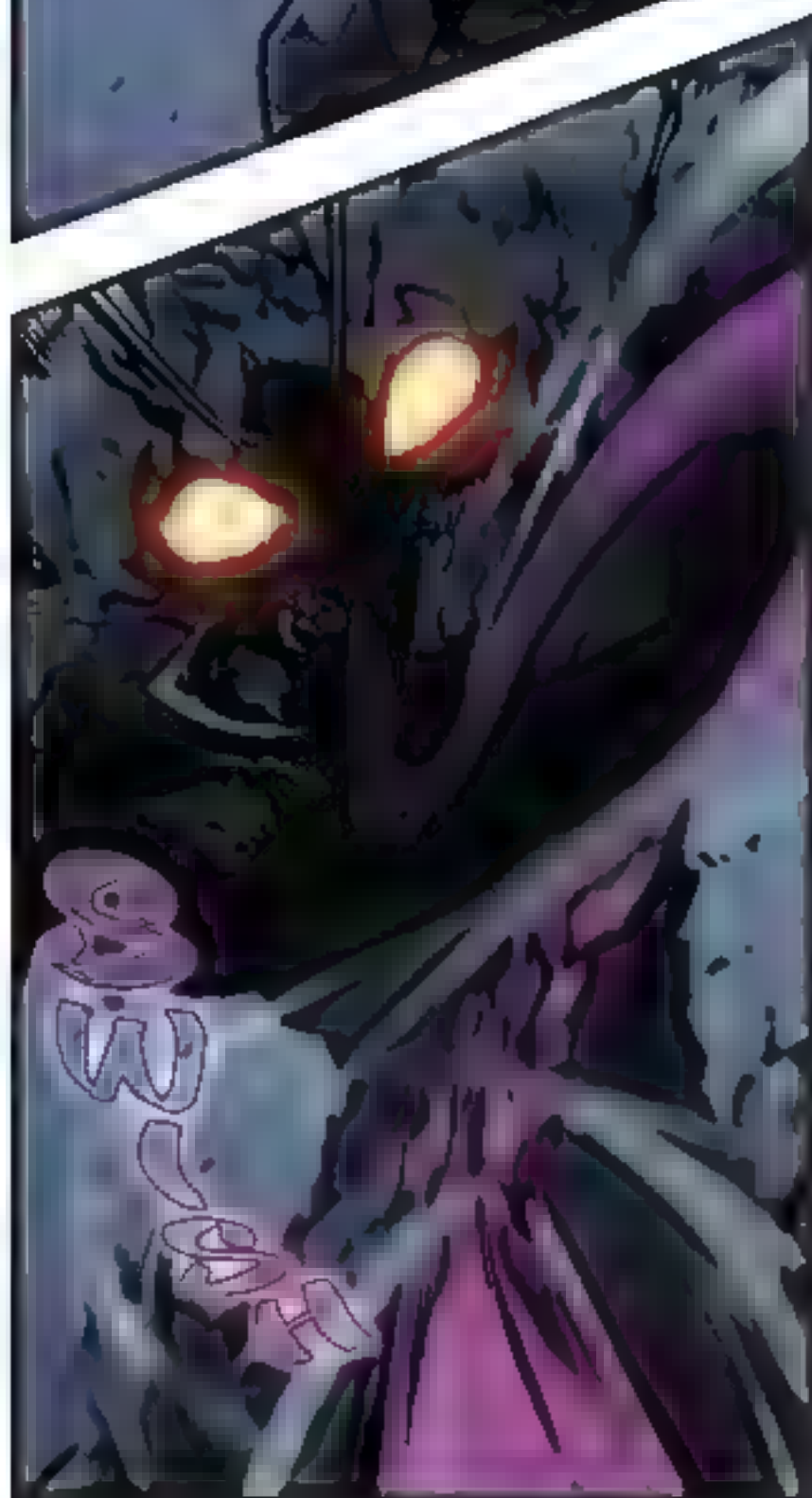
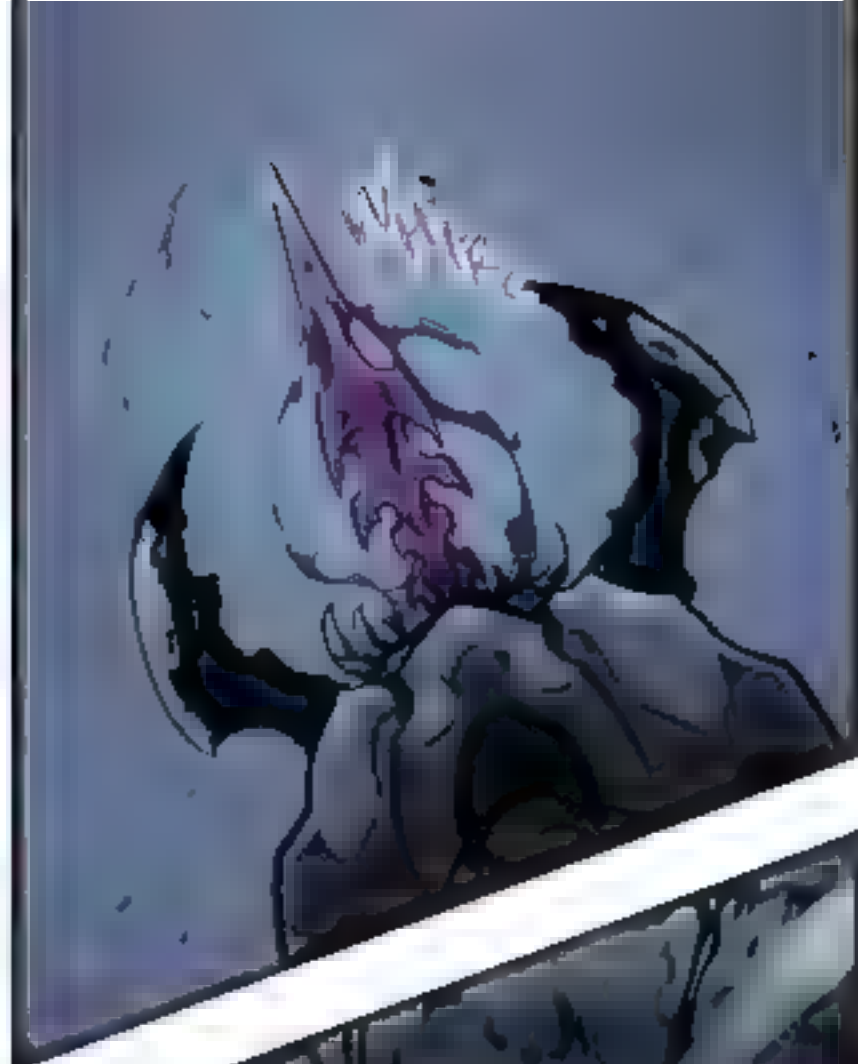
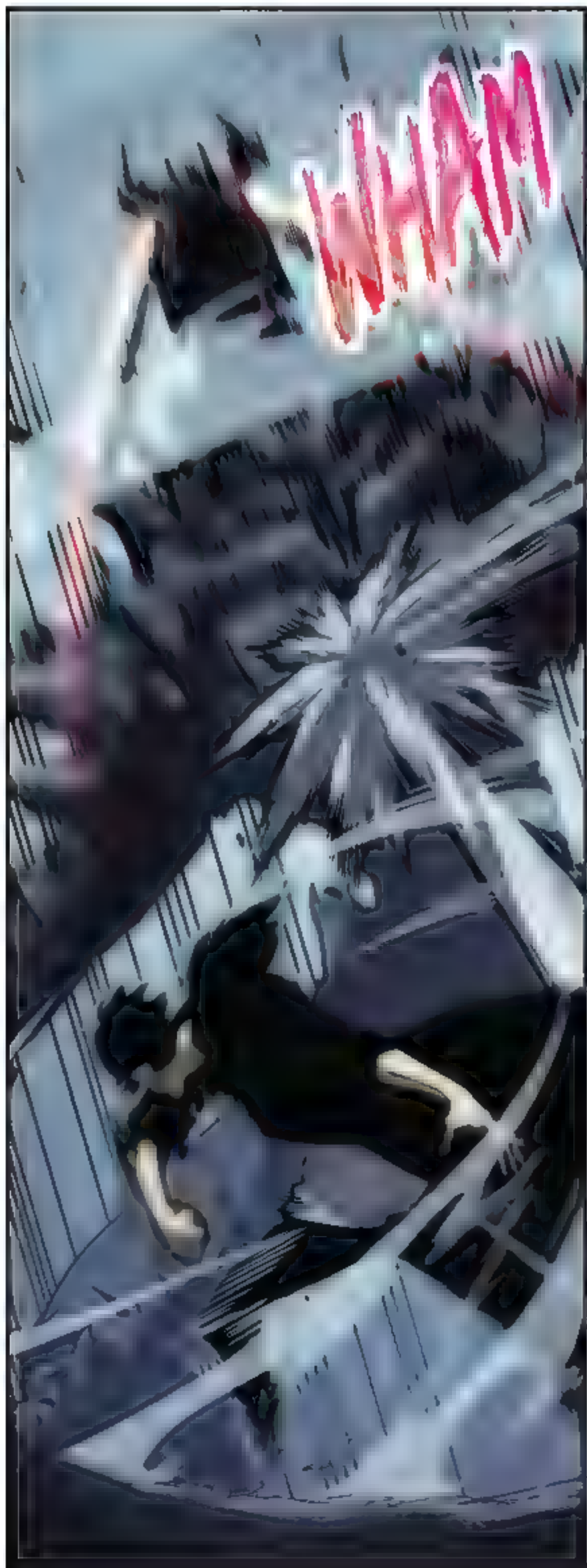


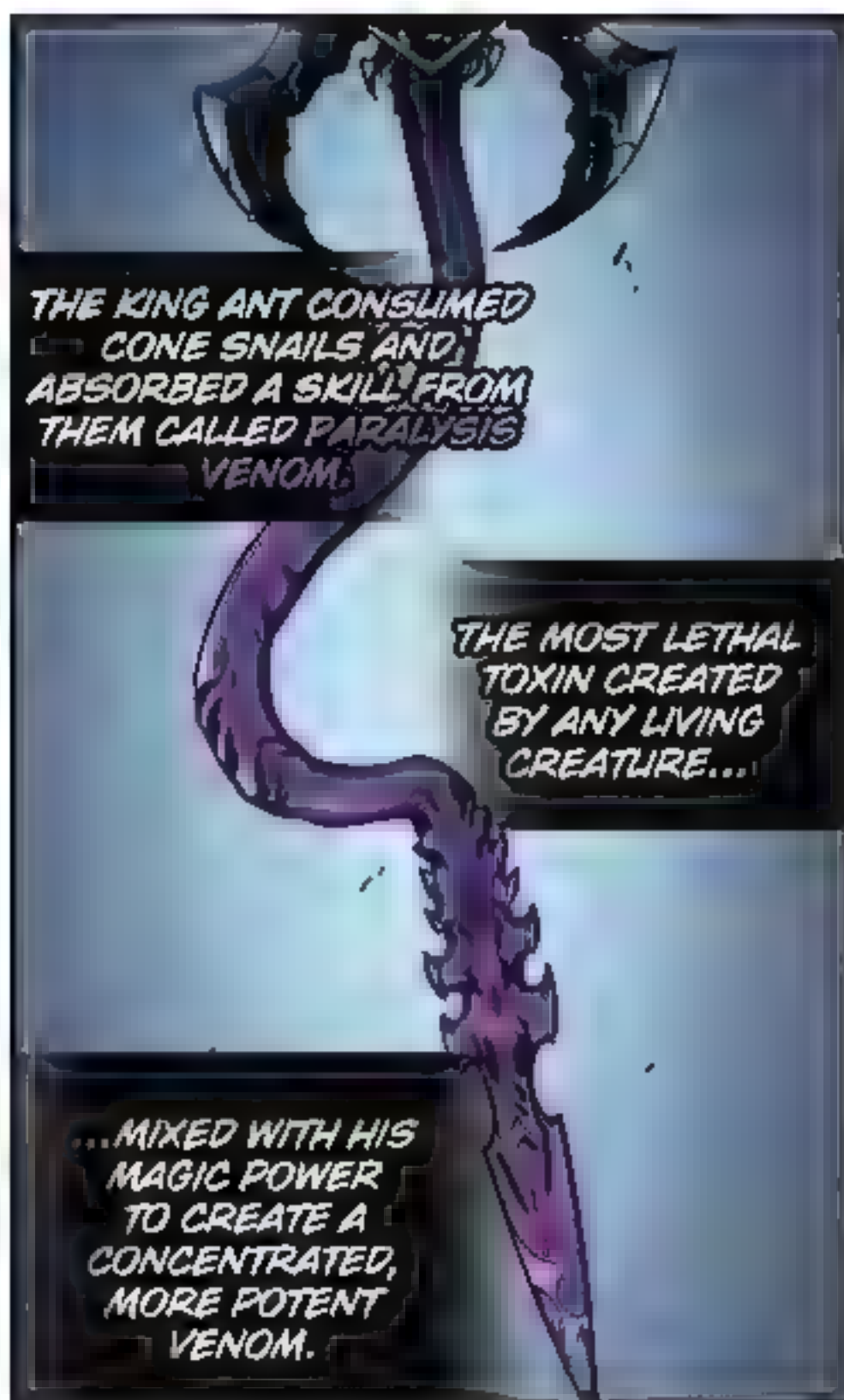
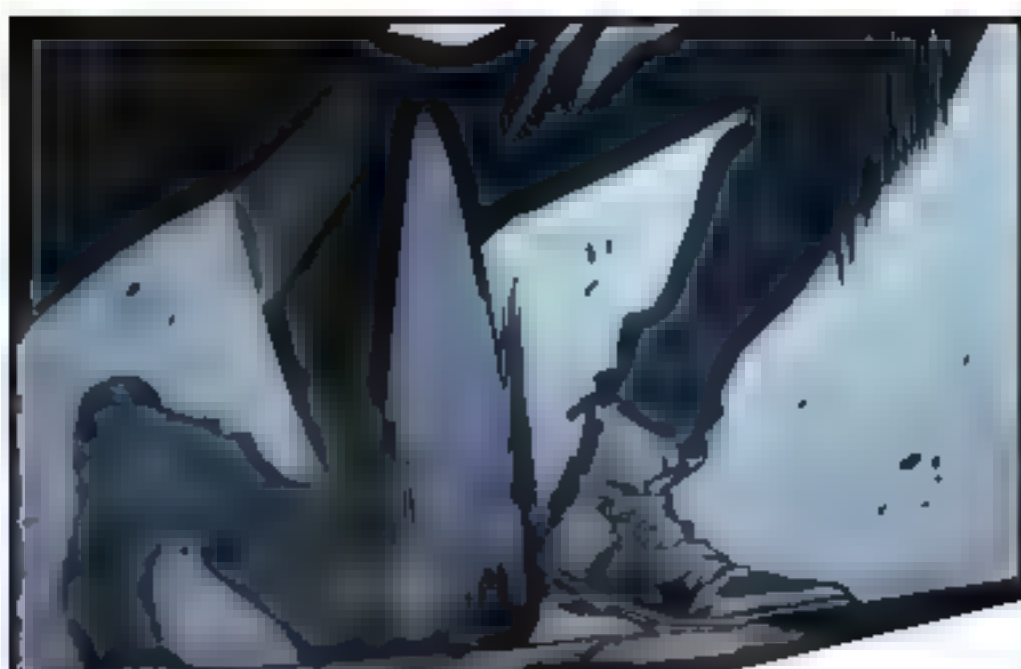


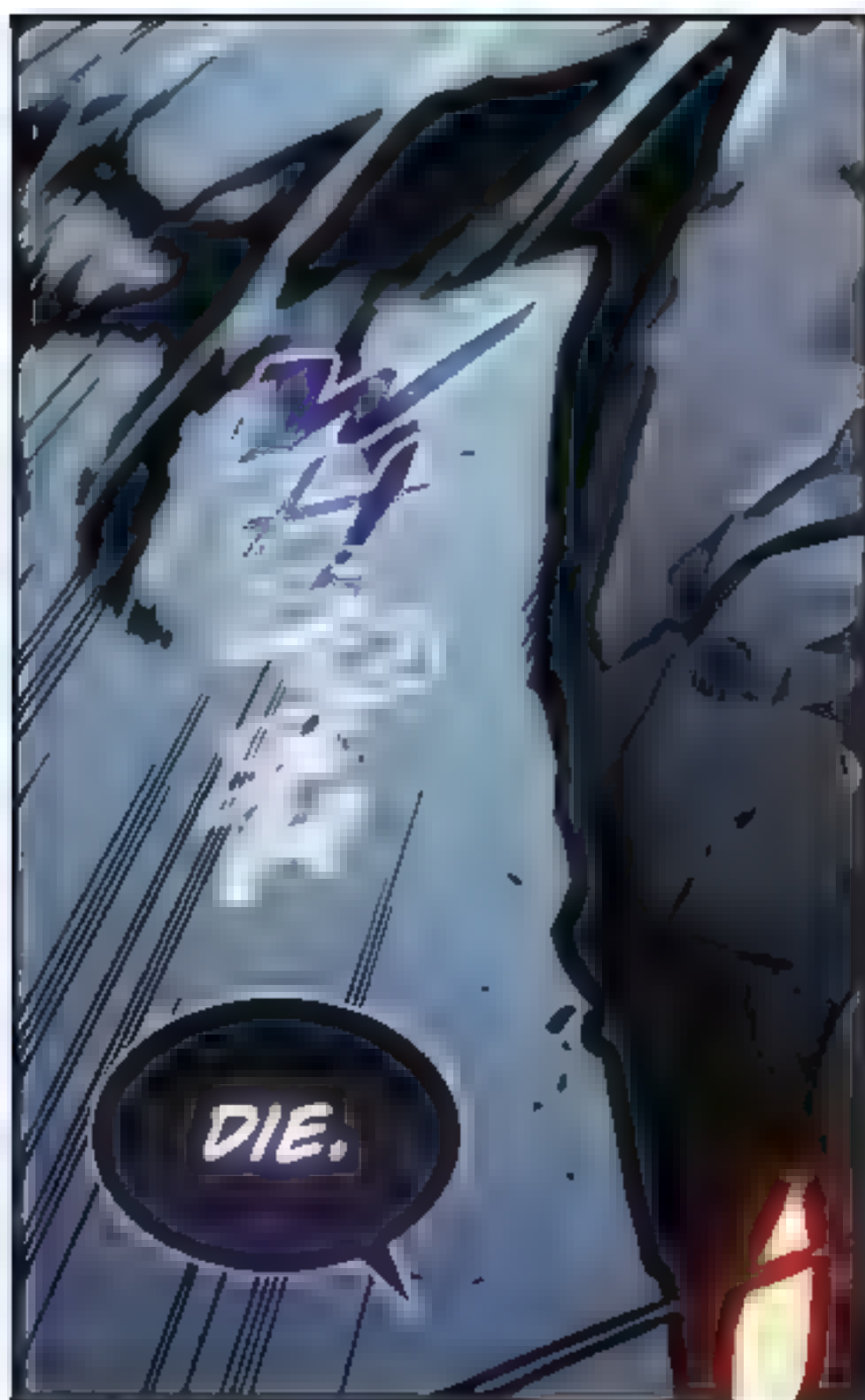
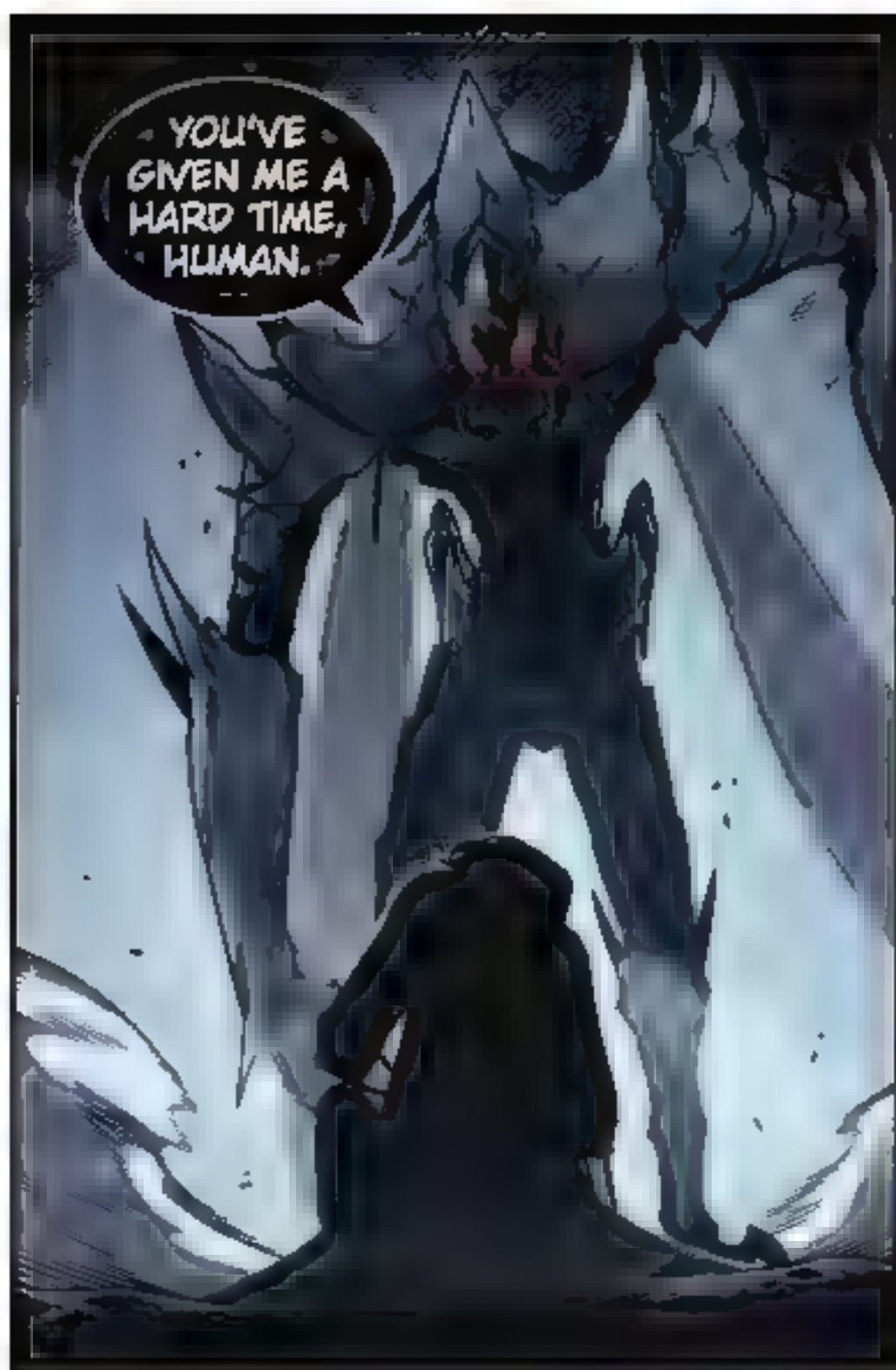




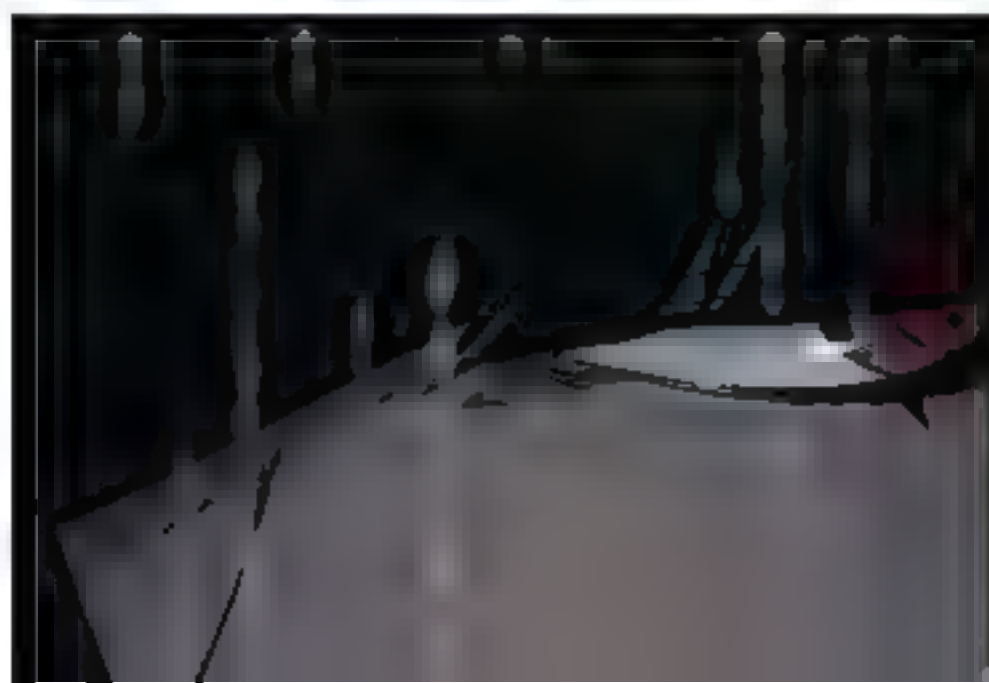














H-HOW?!





Detoxing is complete.

I GUESS THE ANT
WAS PRETTY PLEASED
WITH ITSELF ABOUT
THE POISONING.

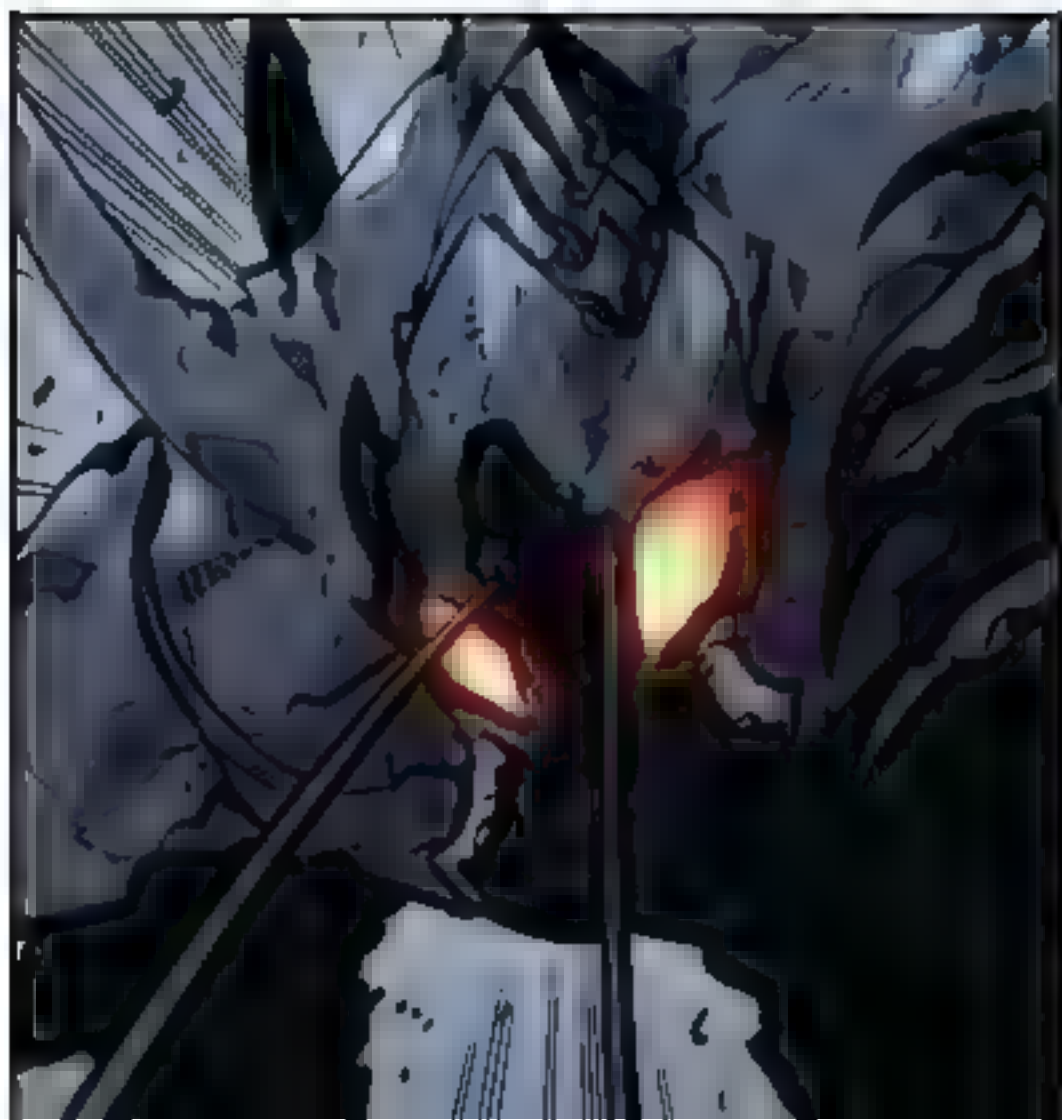
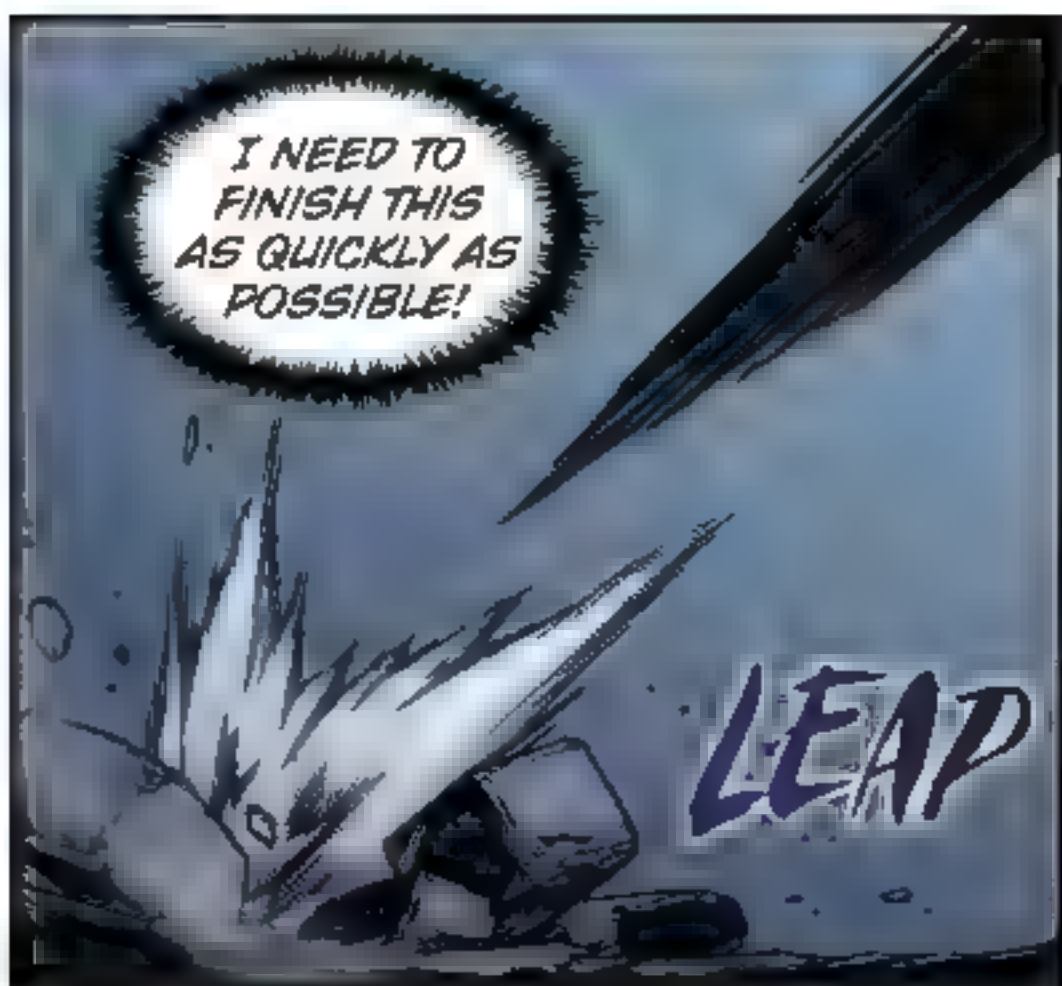


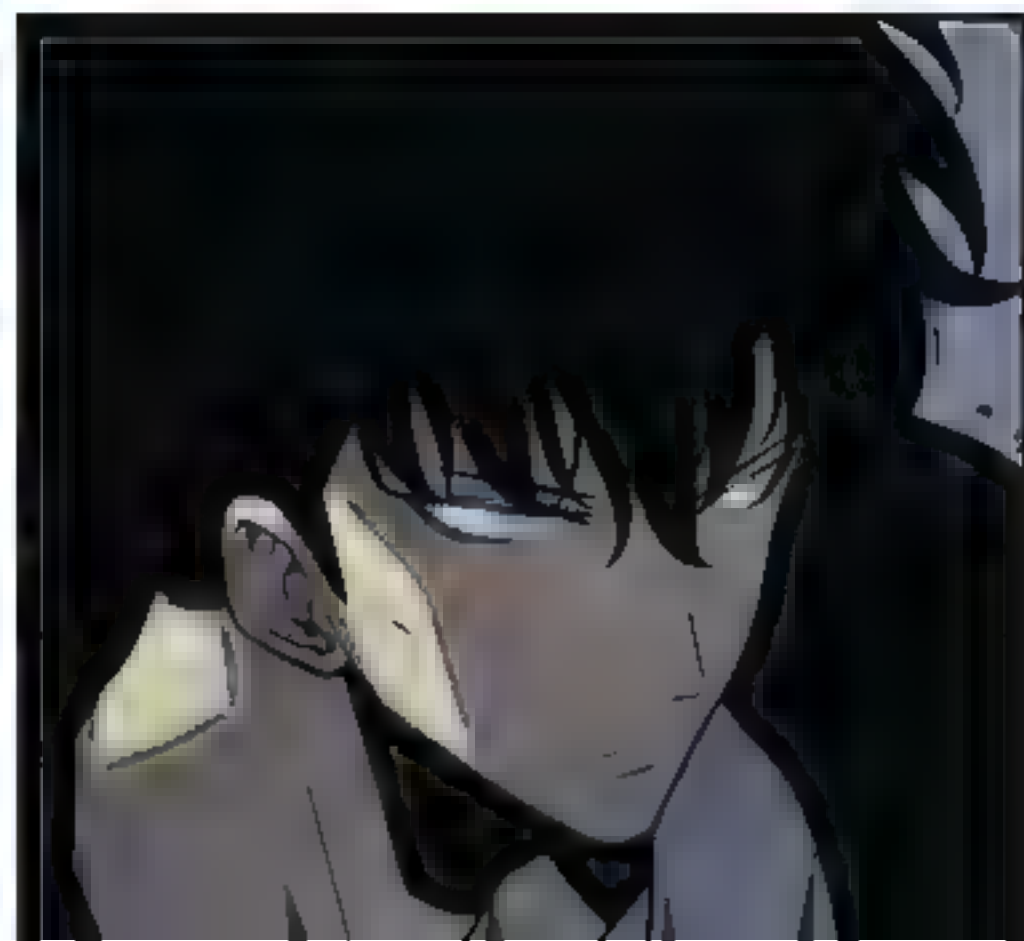
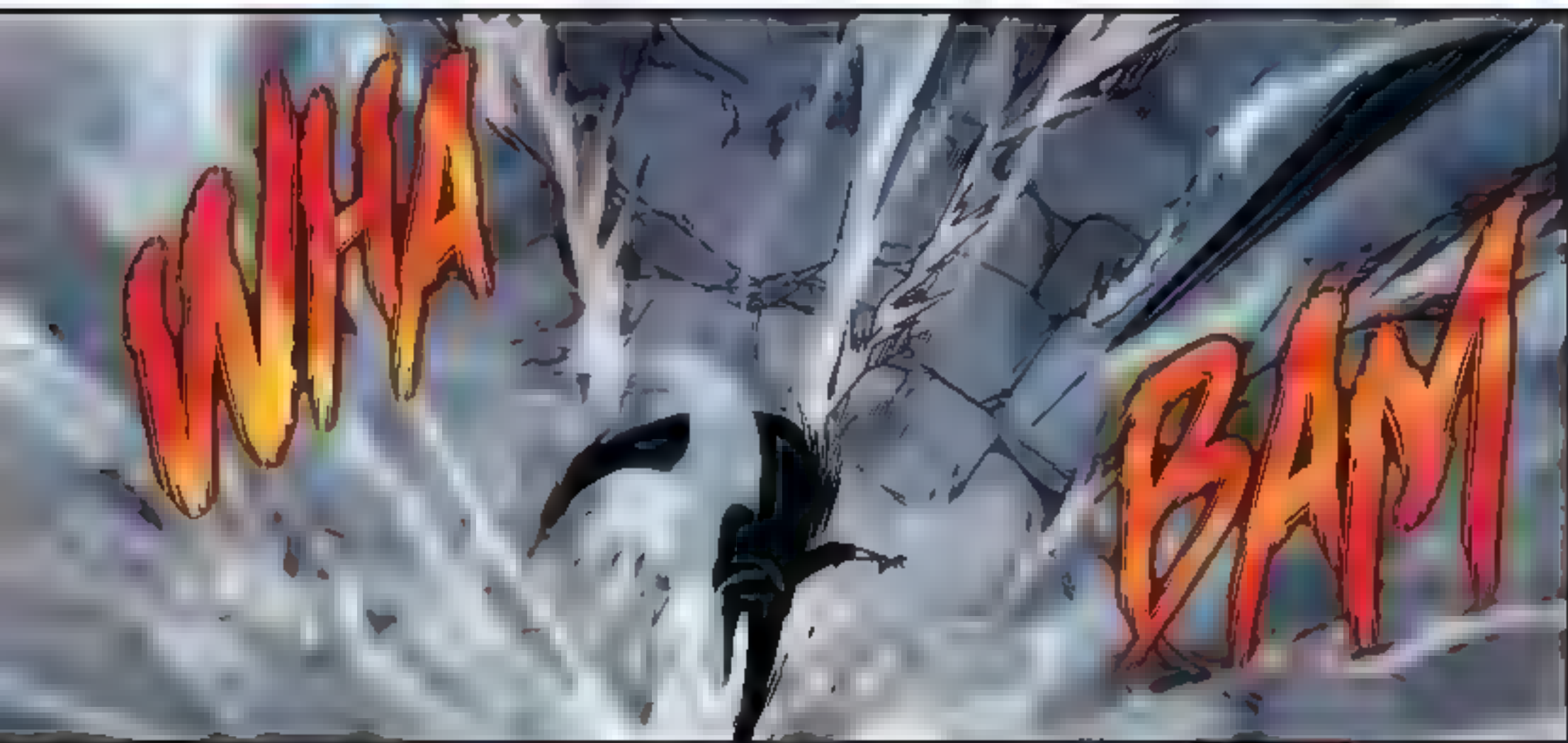
IS THAT DUE TO MY HIGH
PERCEPTION STAT?

I CAN SENSE THE MAGIC
BEAST'S EMOTIONS.

IT'S
DEFINITELY
ANXIOUS.

BUT I'M
ANXIOUS
AS WELL.



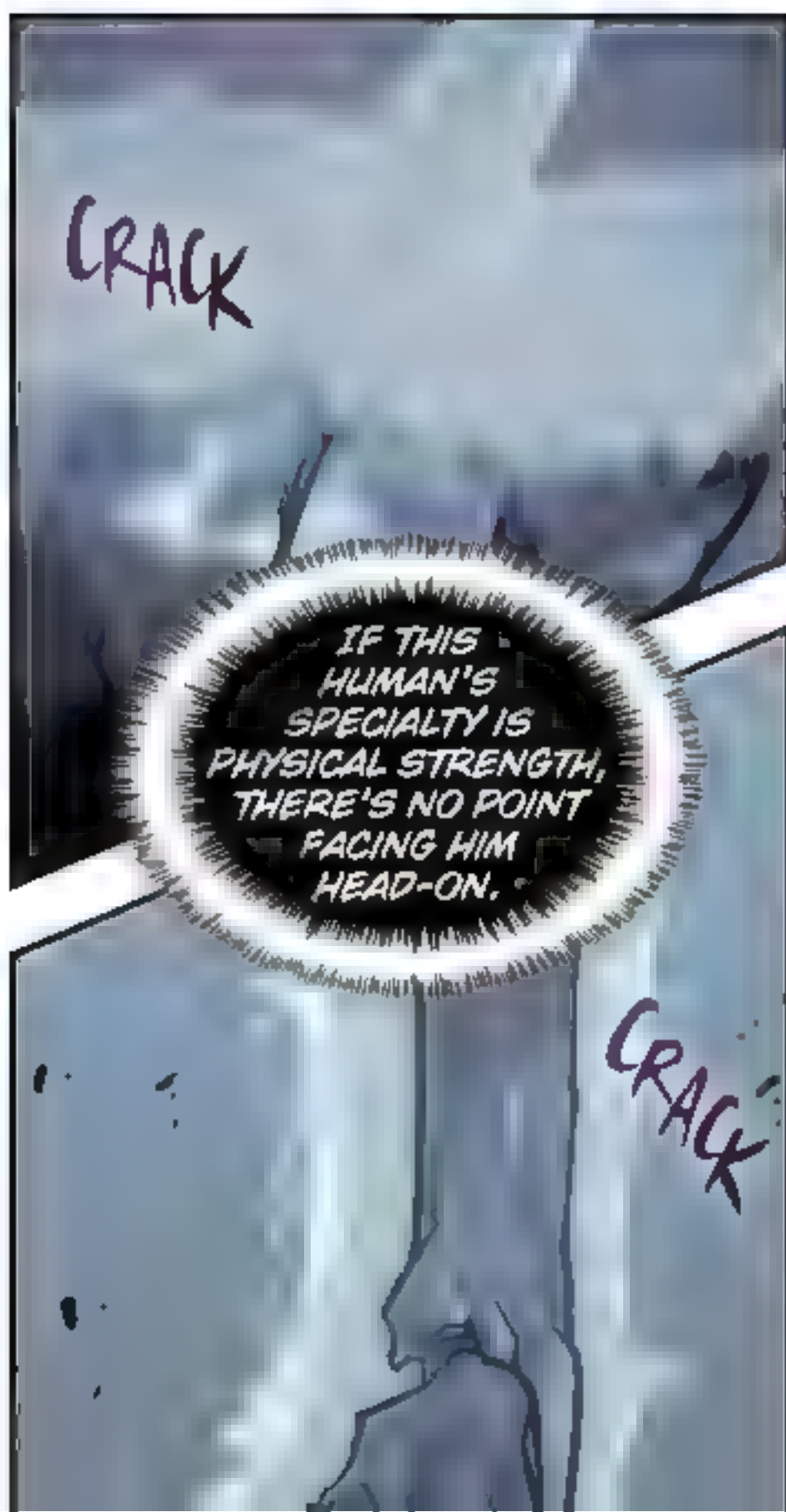




VENOM
DOESN'T
WORK ON THIS
HUMAN.



CHALLENGING
HIS STRENGTH
WOULD BE A WASTE
OF TIME.



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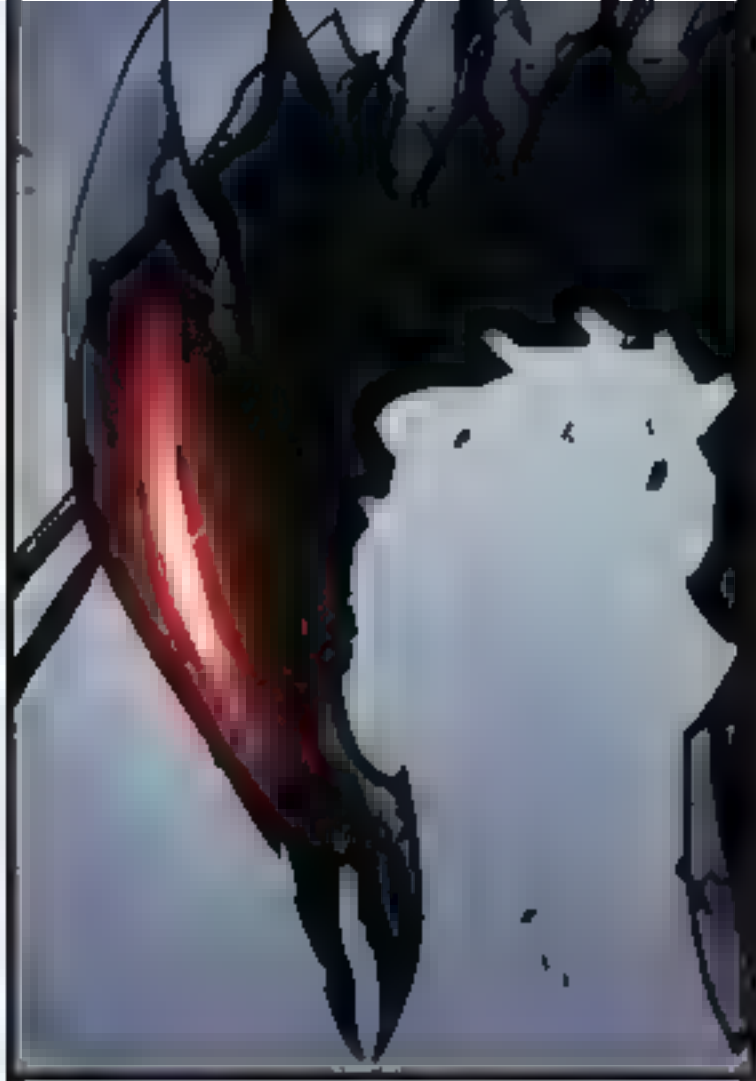
IF THIS
HUMAN'S
SPECIALTY IS
PHYSICAL STRENGTH,
THERE'S NO POINT
FACING HIM
HEAD-ON.

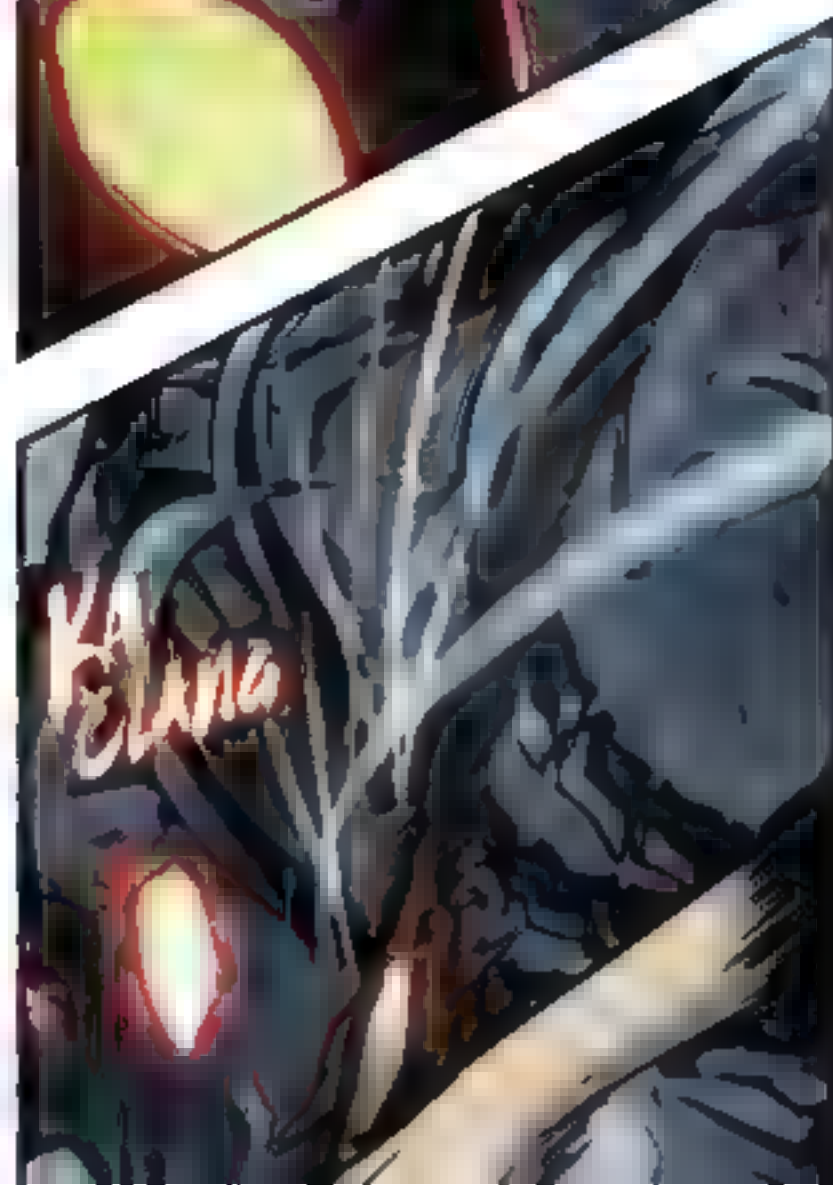
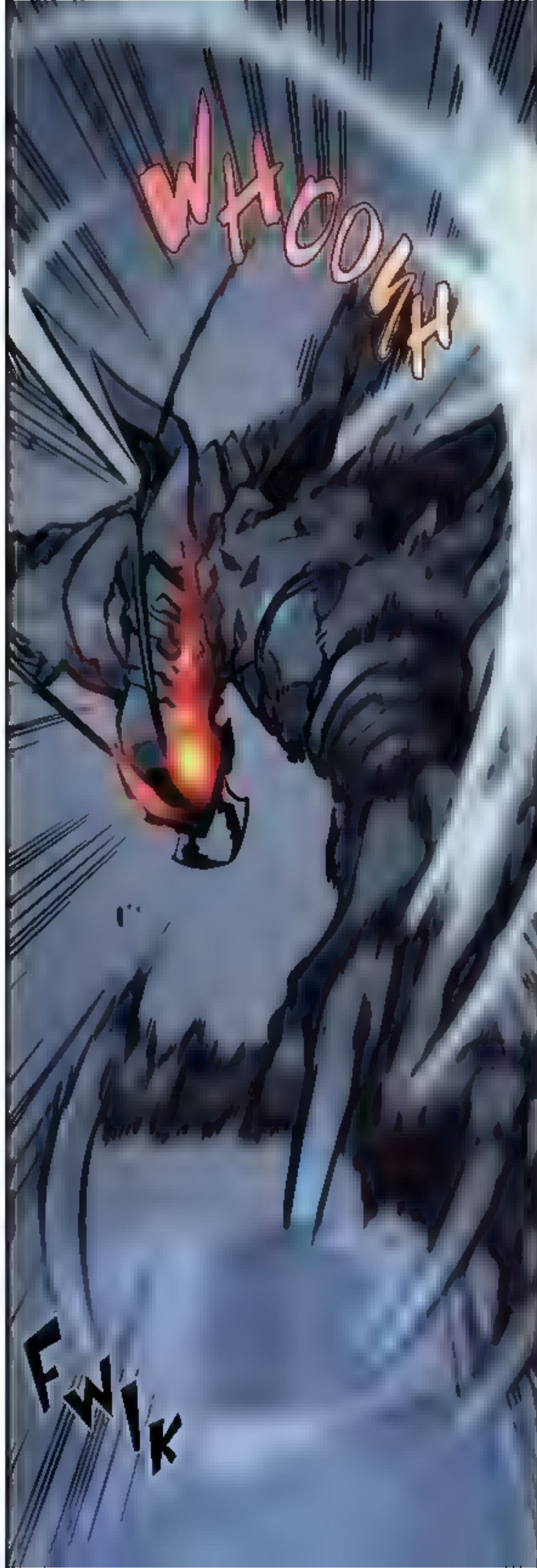
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MY TRUE
POWER IS
SPEED.

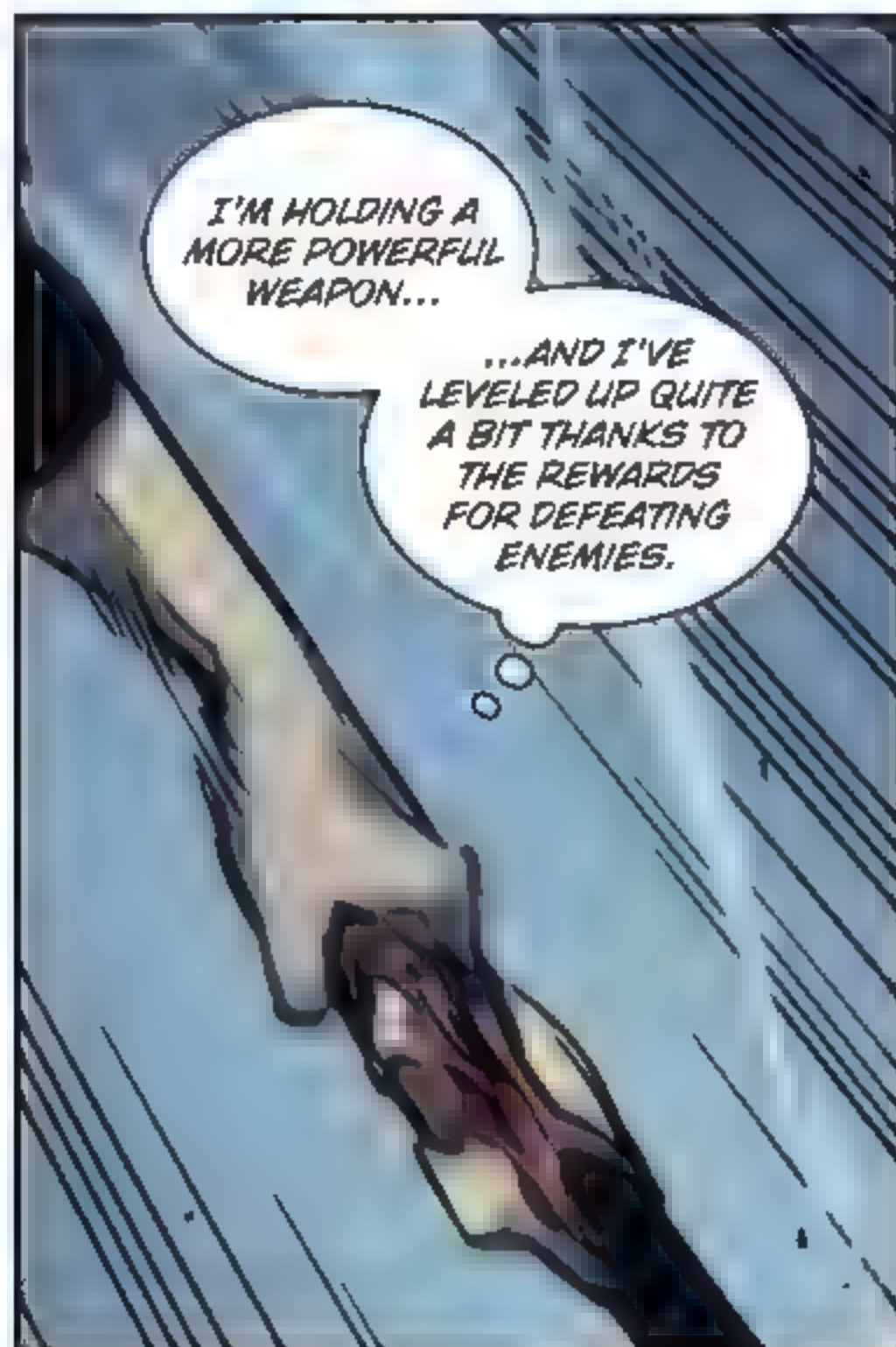
I'LL
DECREASE
MY SIZE AND
FOCUS ON MY
SPEED.

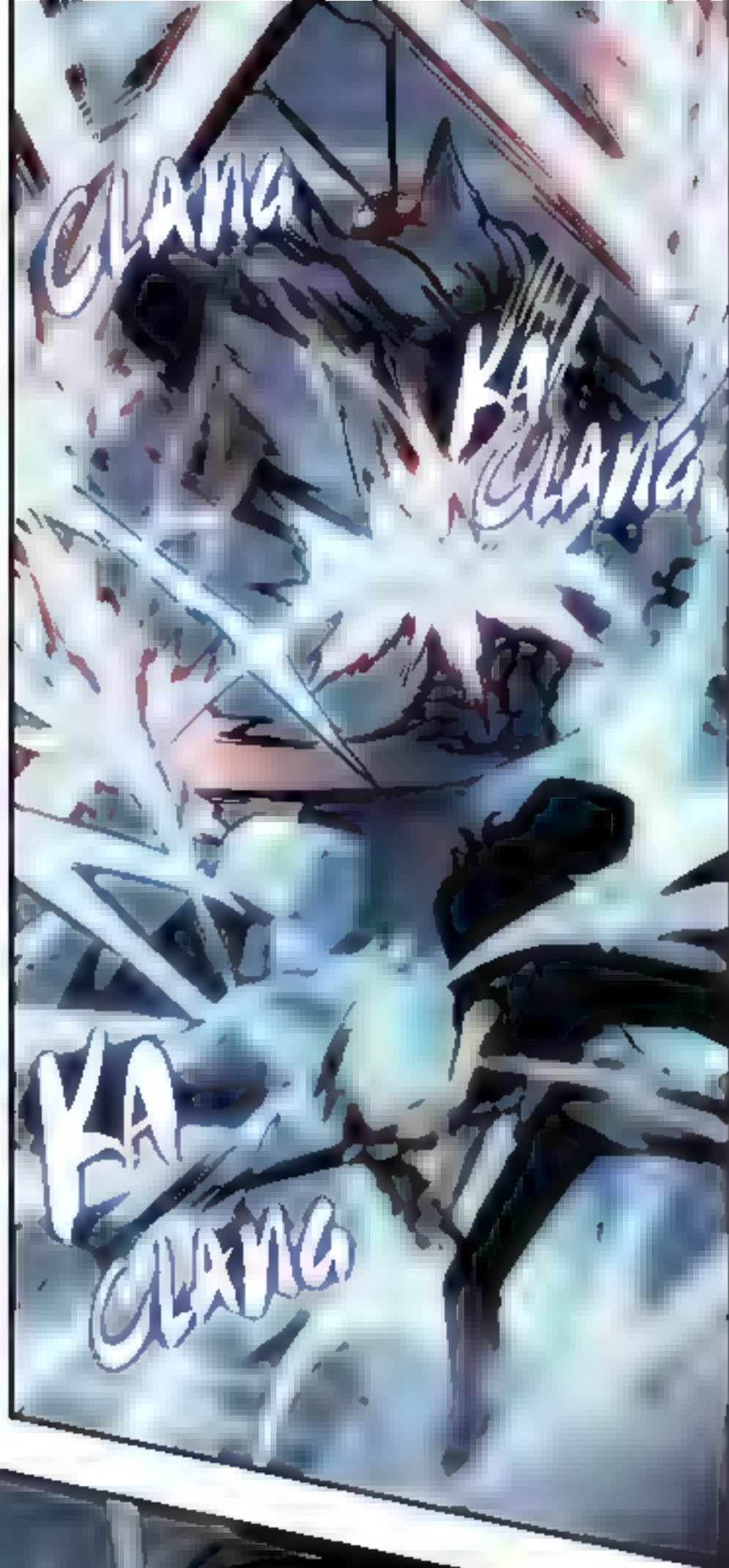
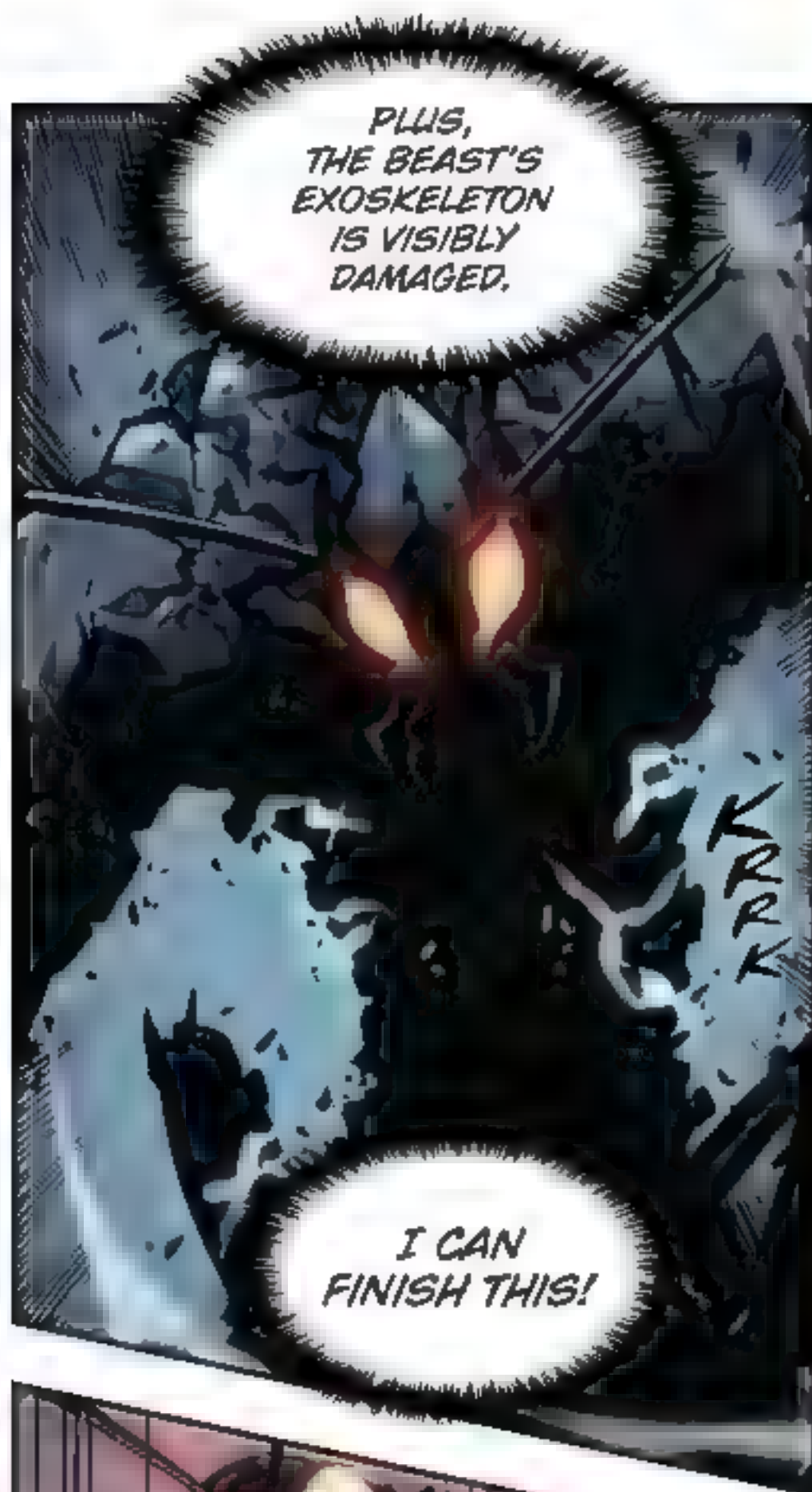


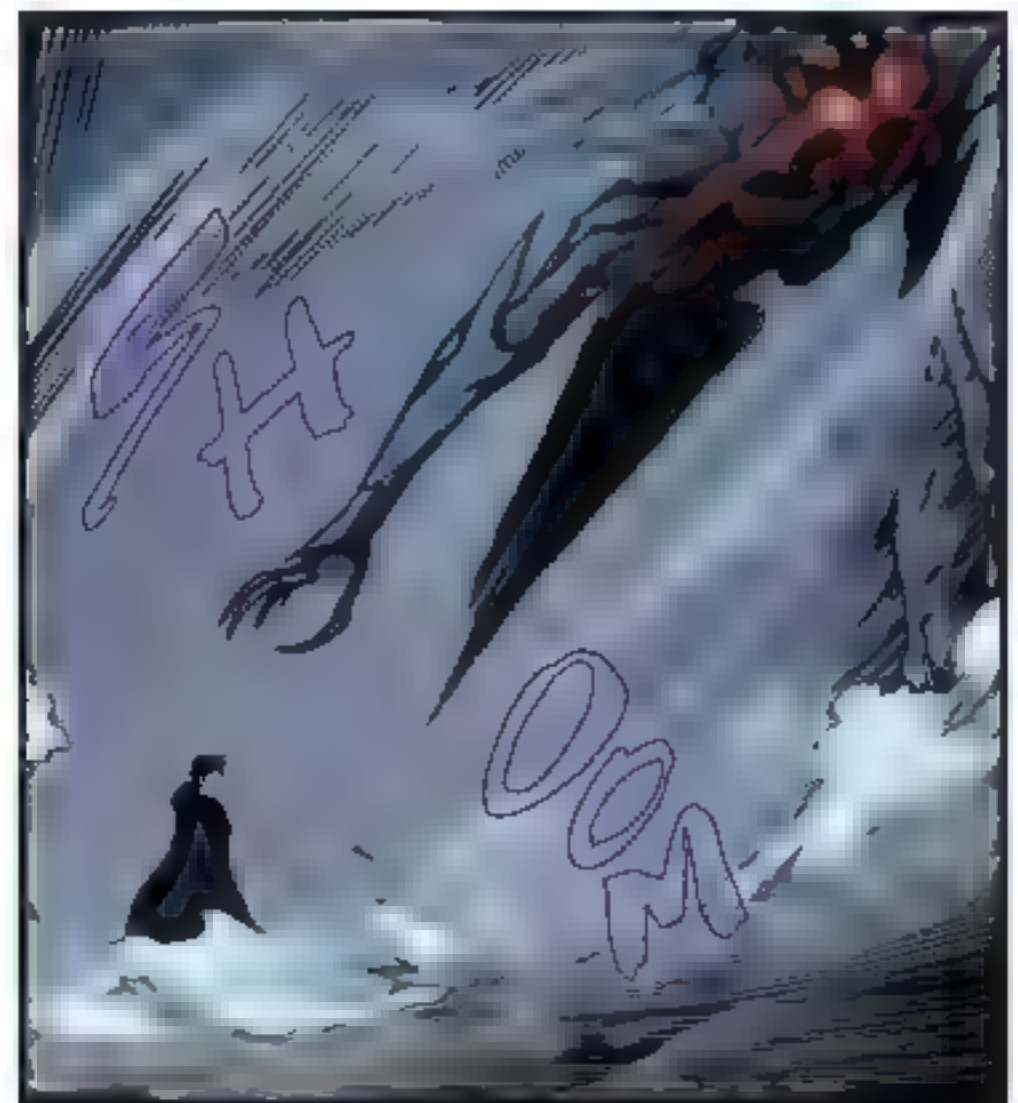












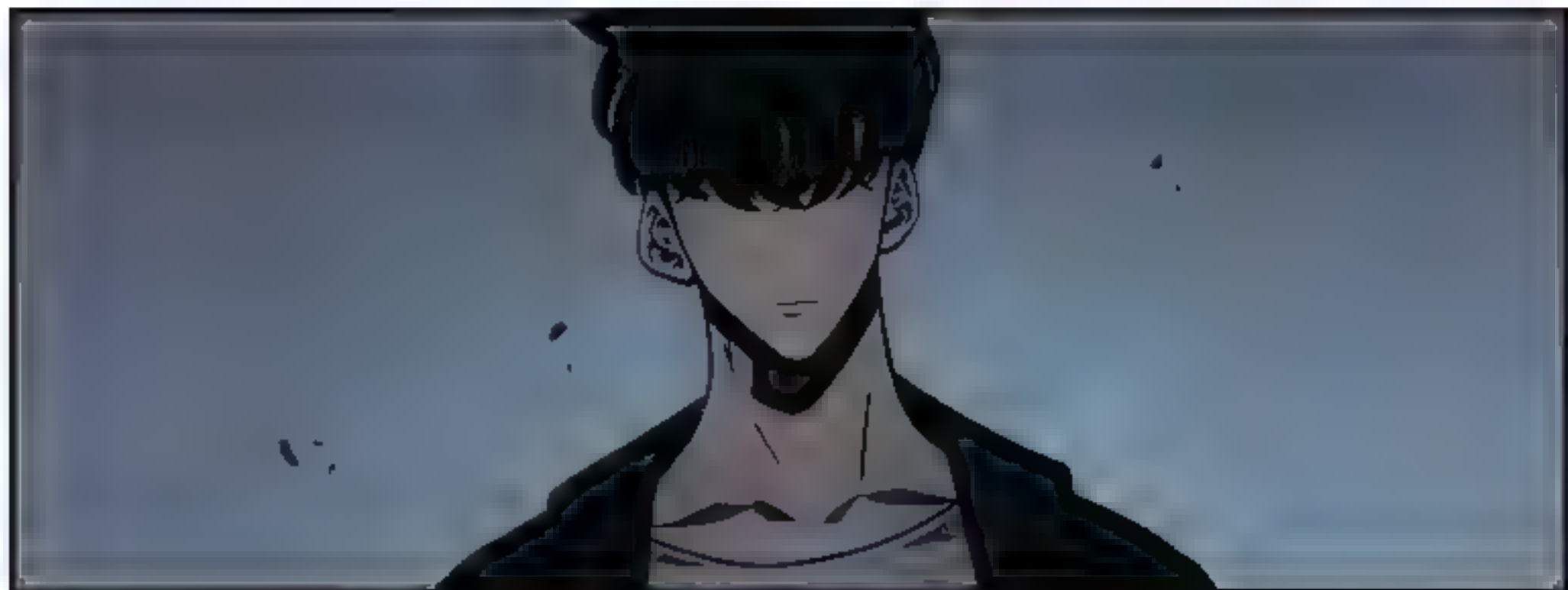
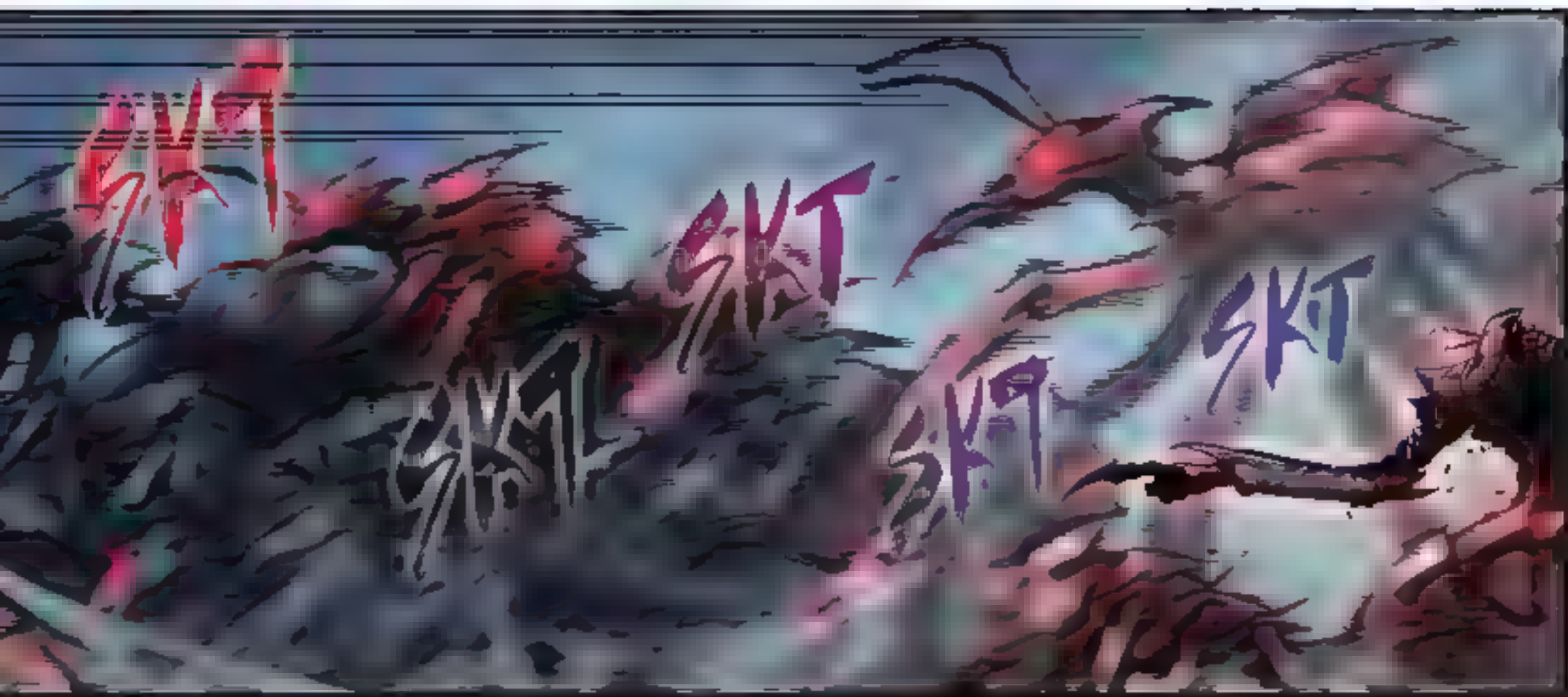
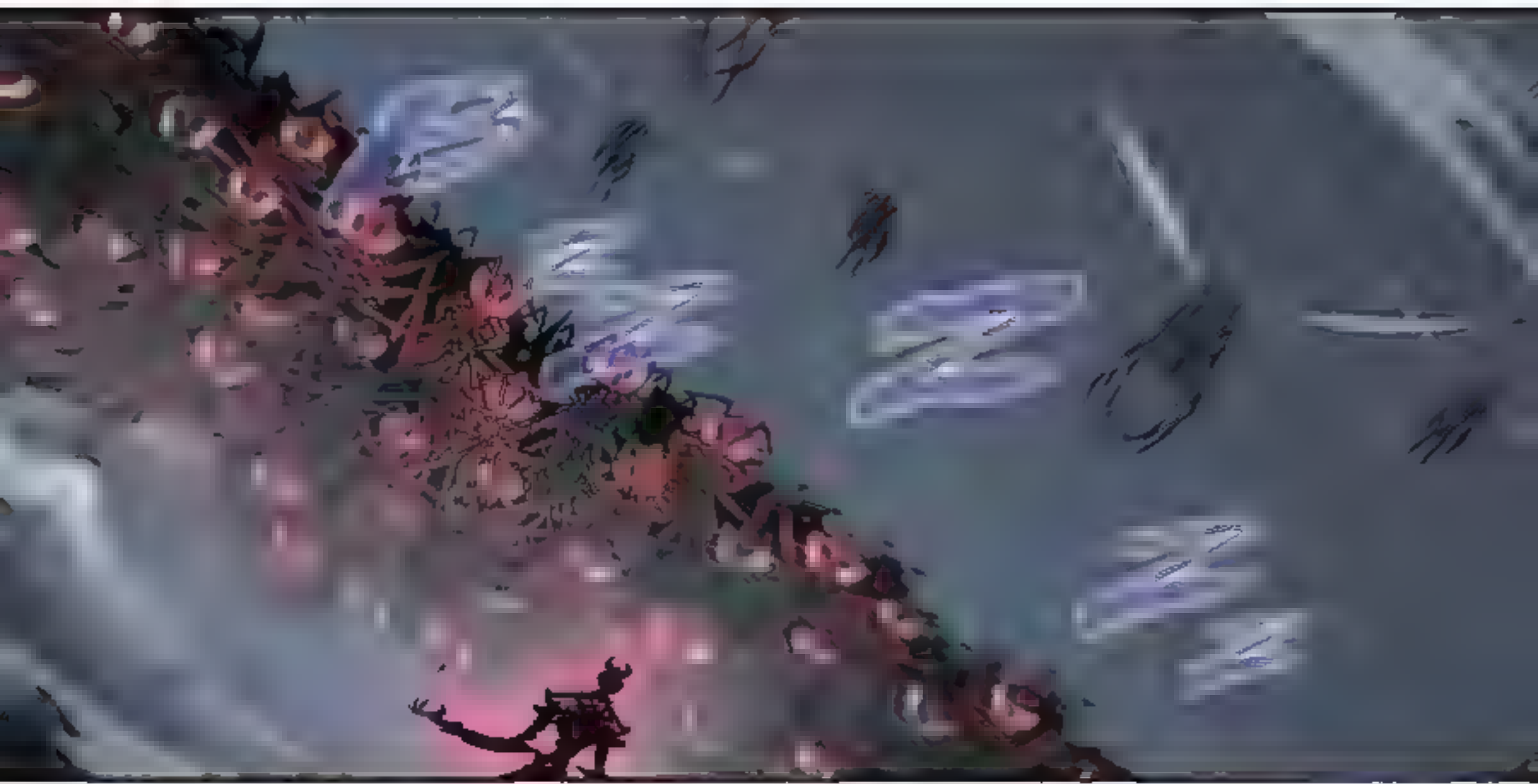
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SHK
SHK
SHK

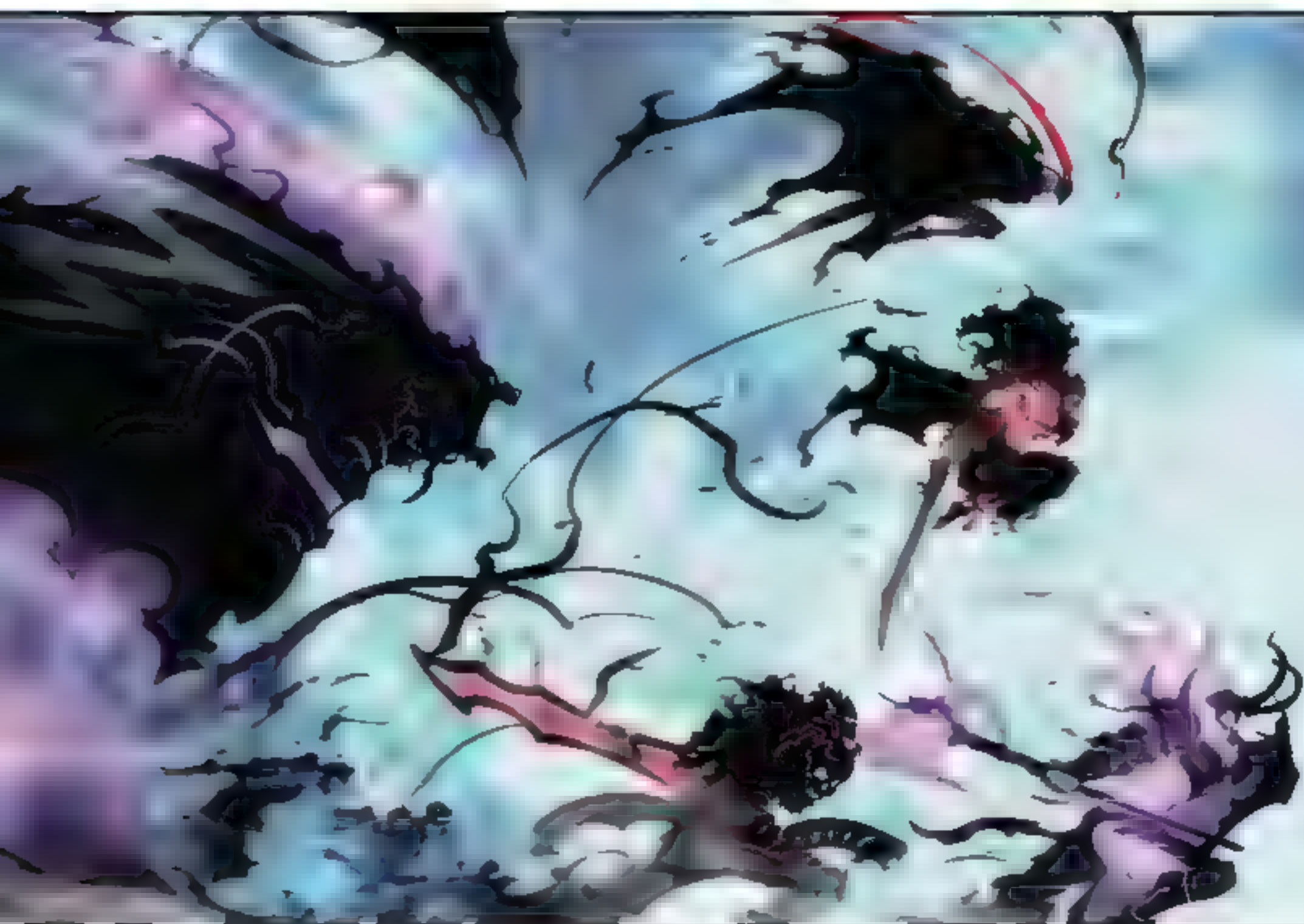
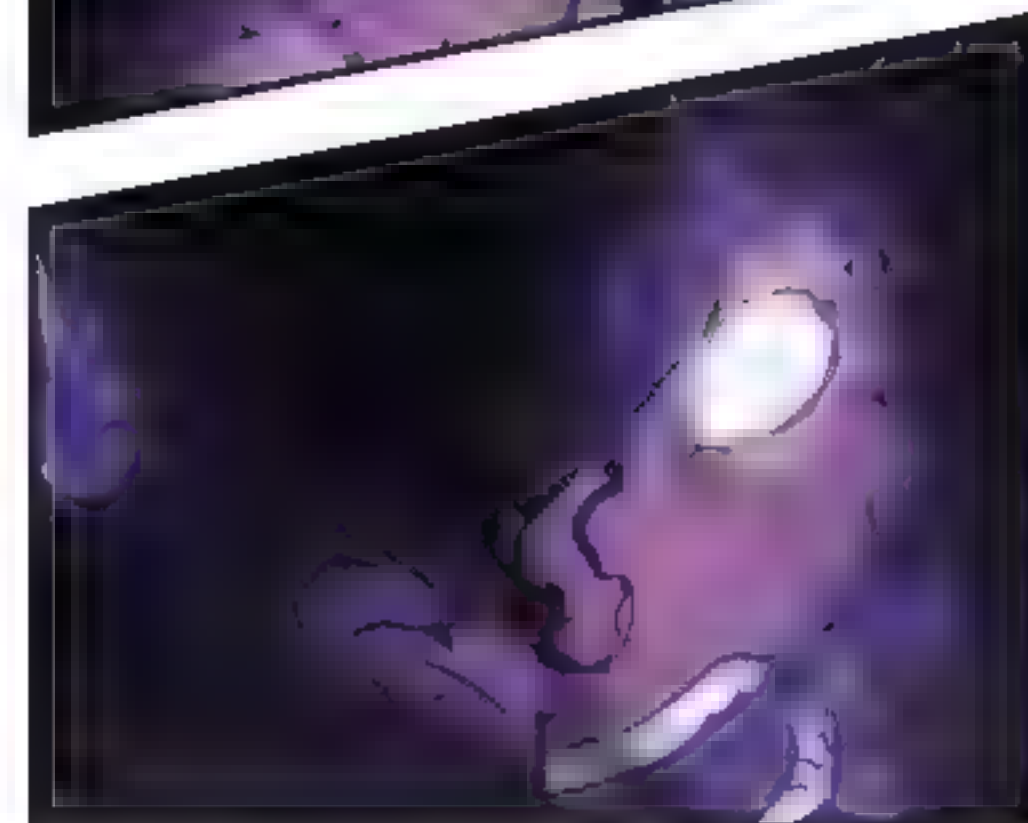
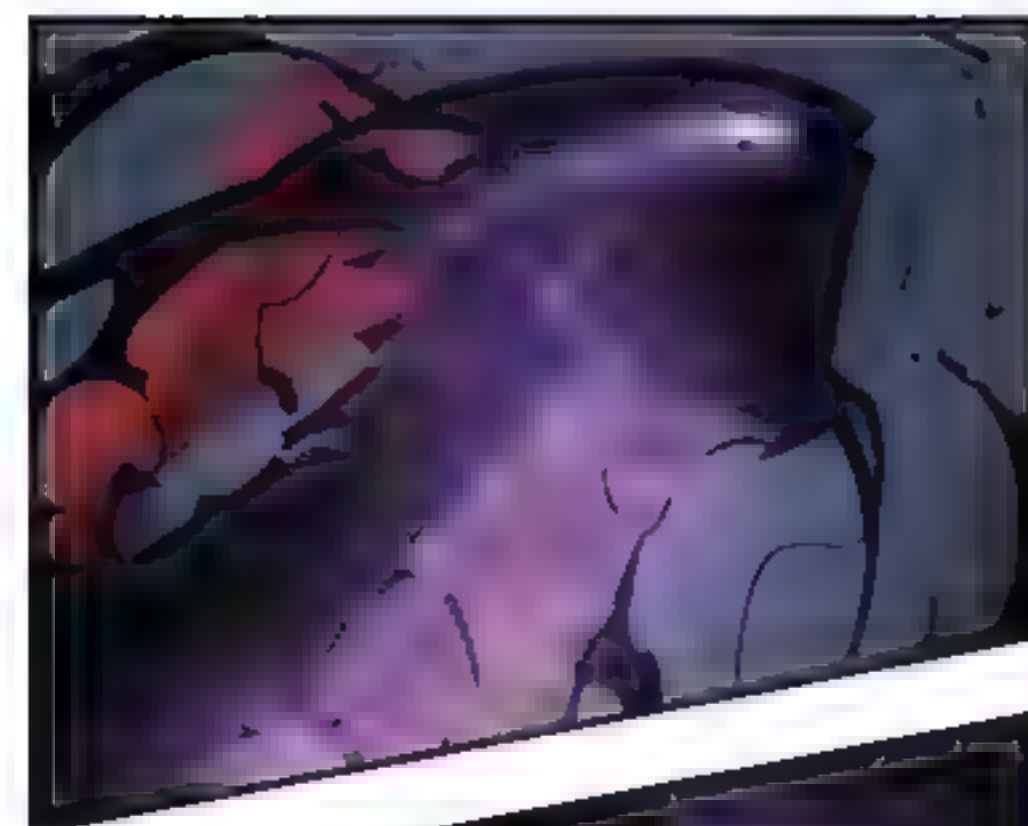
NOT BAD,
HUH?

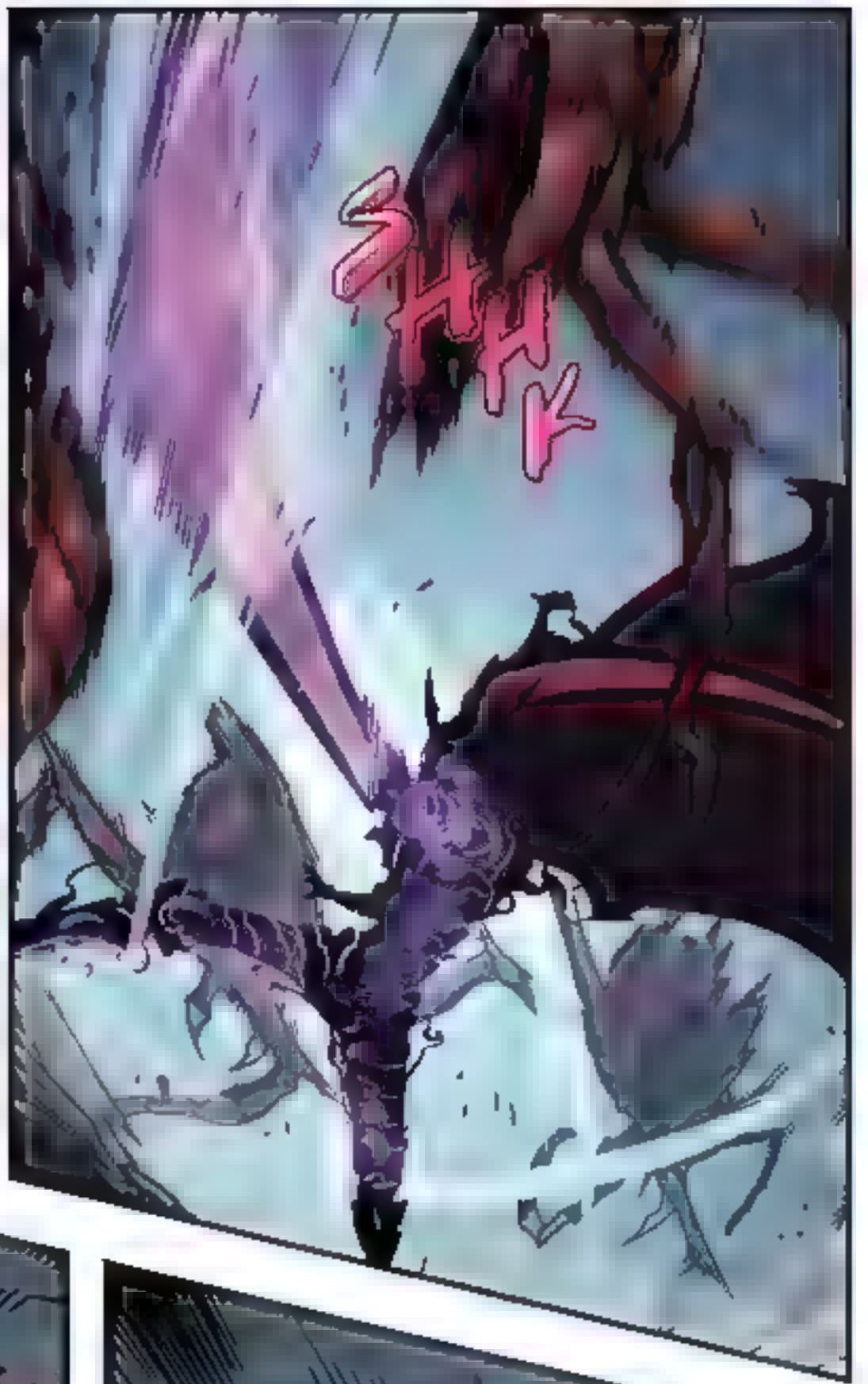
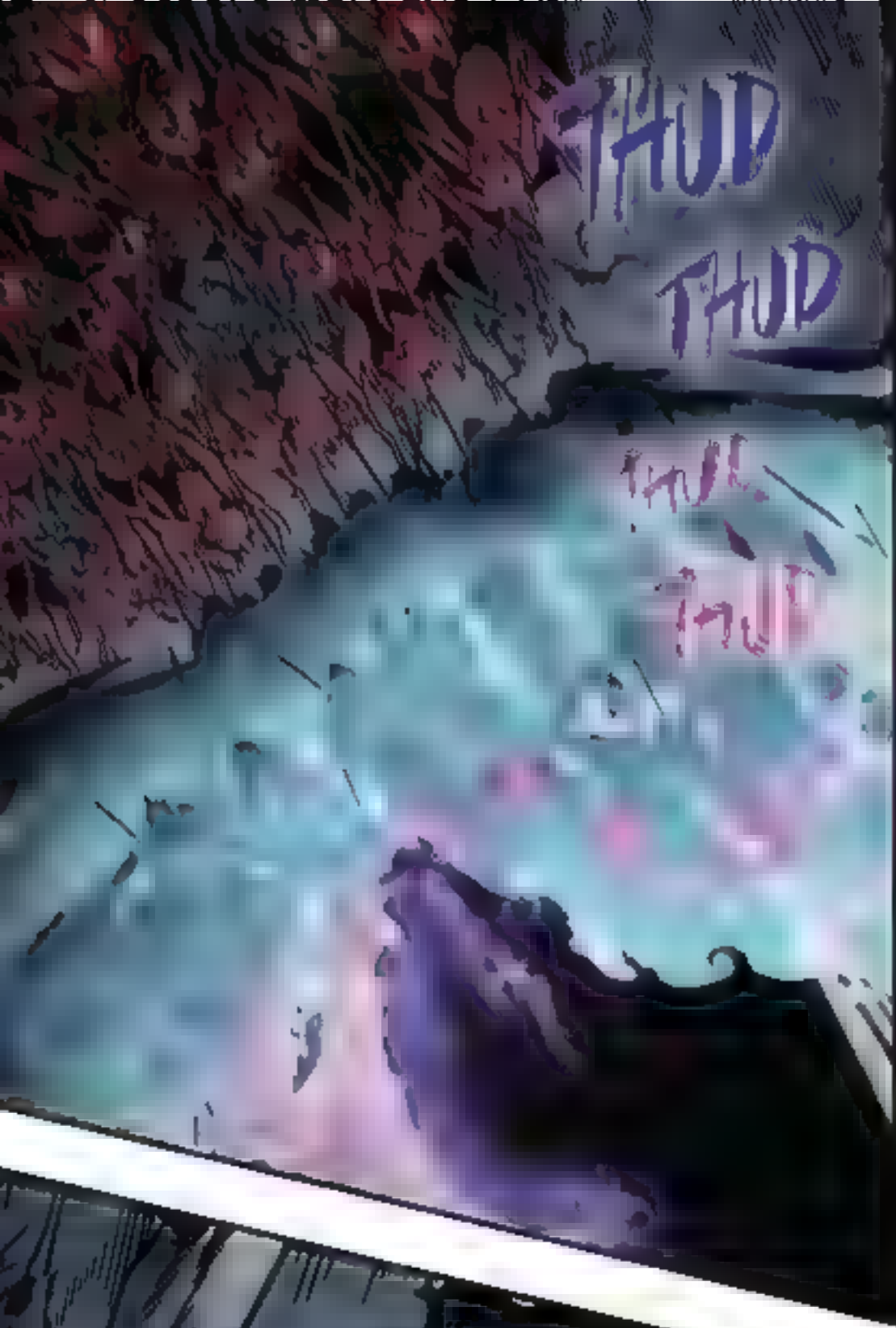


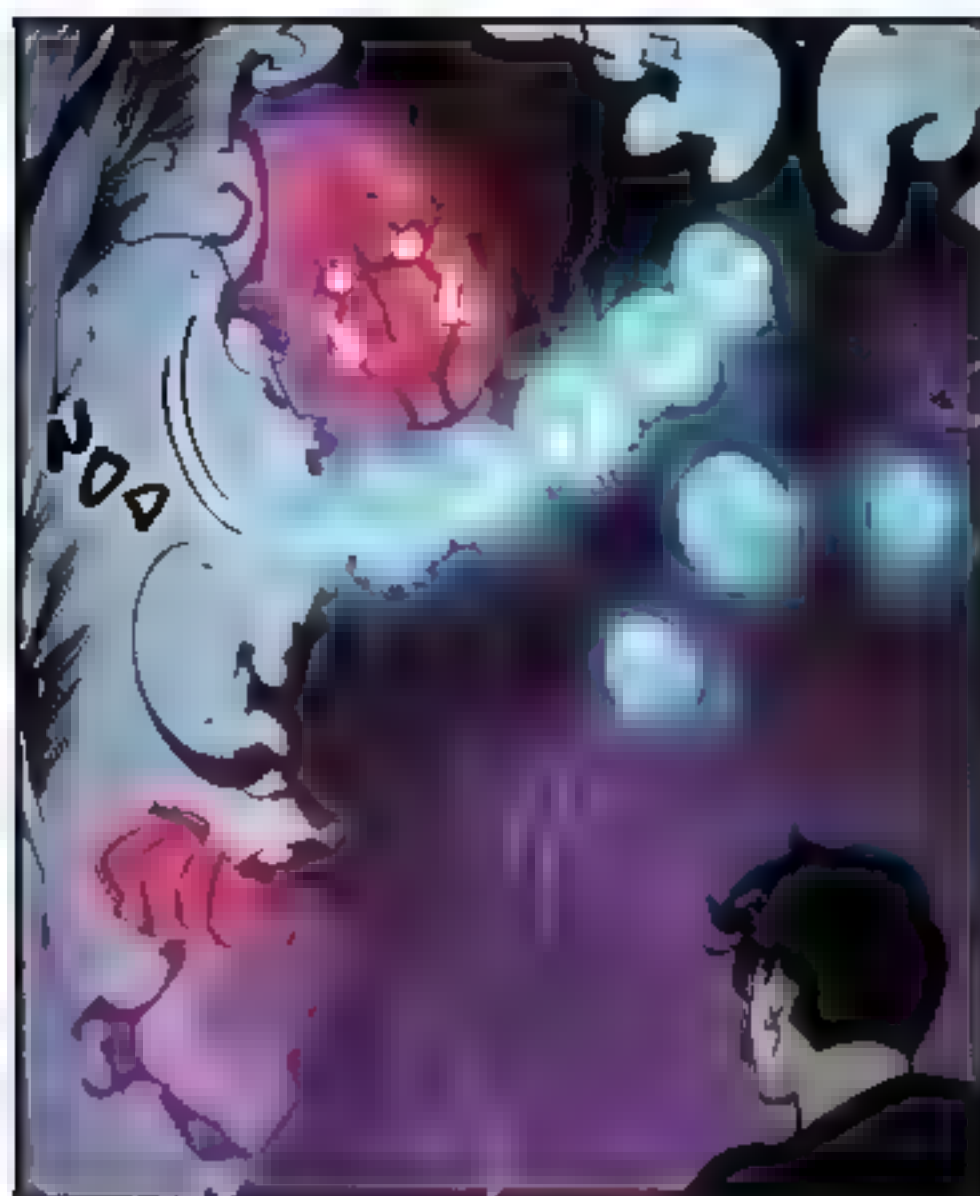
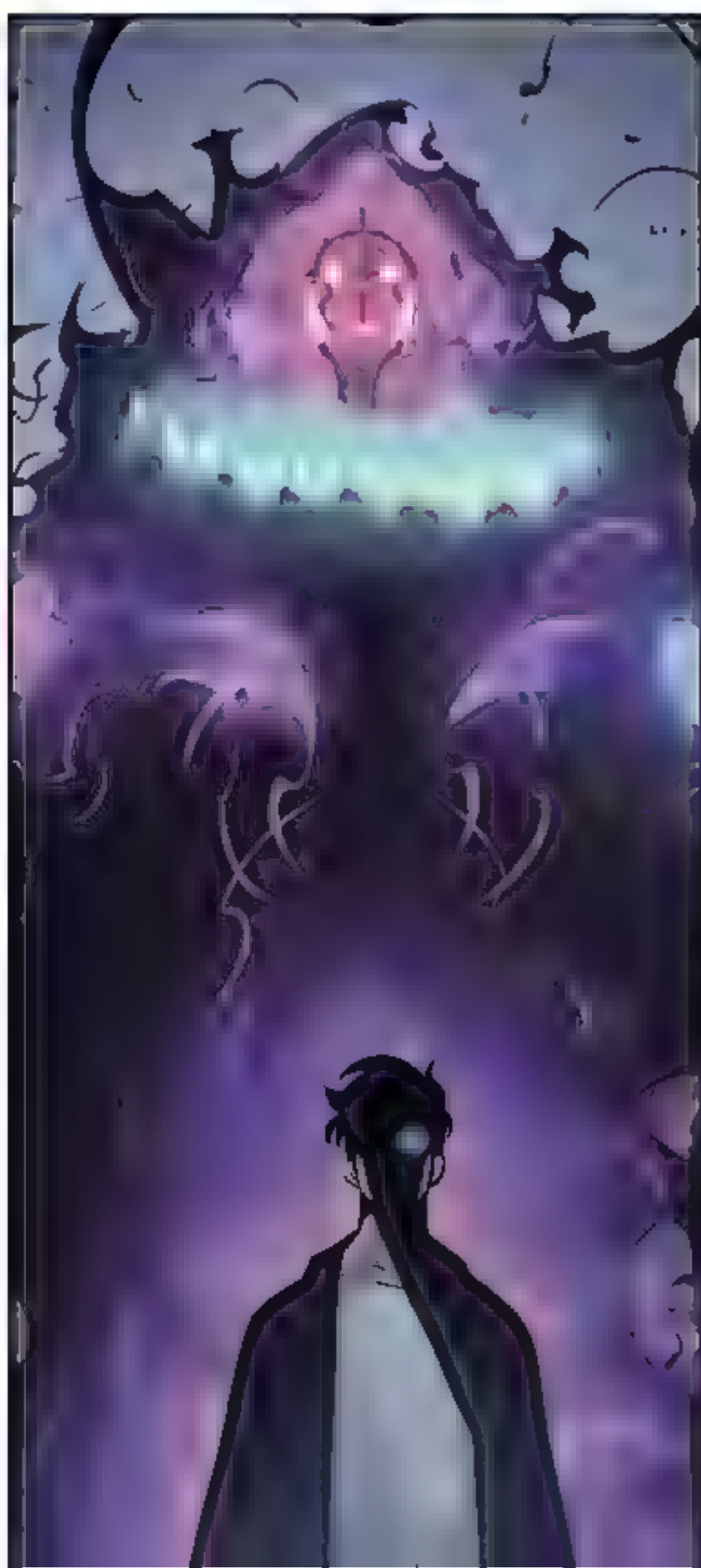




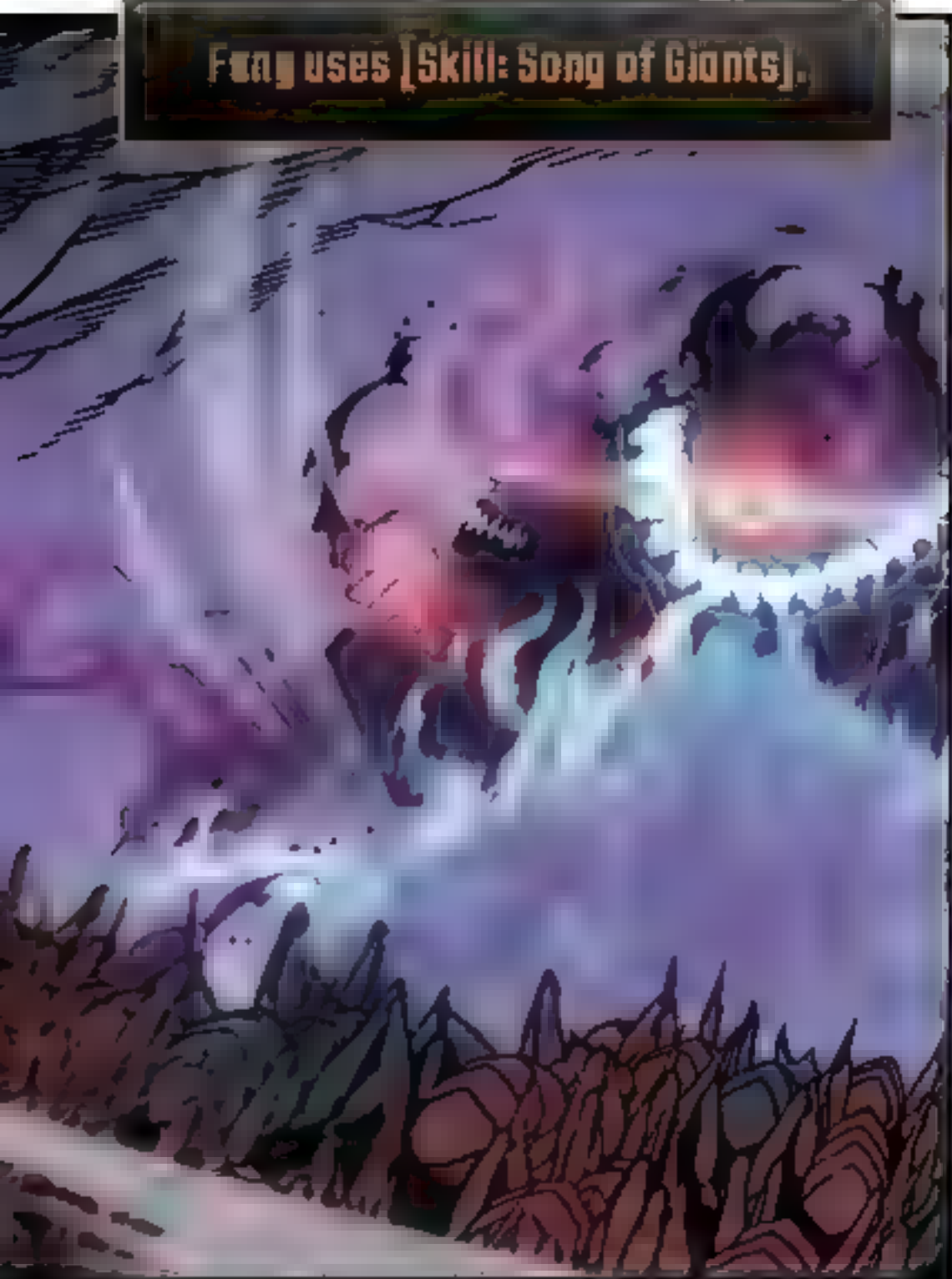








Feng uses [Skill: Song of Giants].



Feng uses [Skill: Song of Dragon Fire].







IT LOOKS
LIKE A DEMON
DESCENDING
ON THE HUMAN
WORLD.

FWOOSH



HOW IS THIS
POSSIBLE?



Lee



...WAS BORN
STRONGER THAN
ANYONE.

I STAND
ABOVE
EVERYTHING
AND DEVOUR
EVERYTHING.

I LEVEL UP
CONTINUOUSLY.

I AM THE
KING.



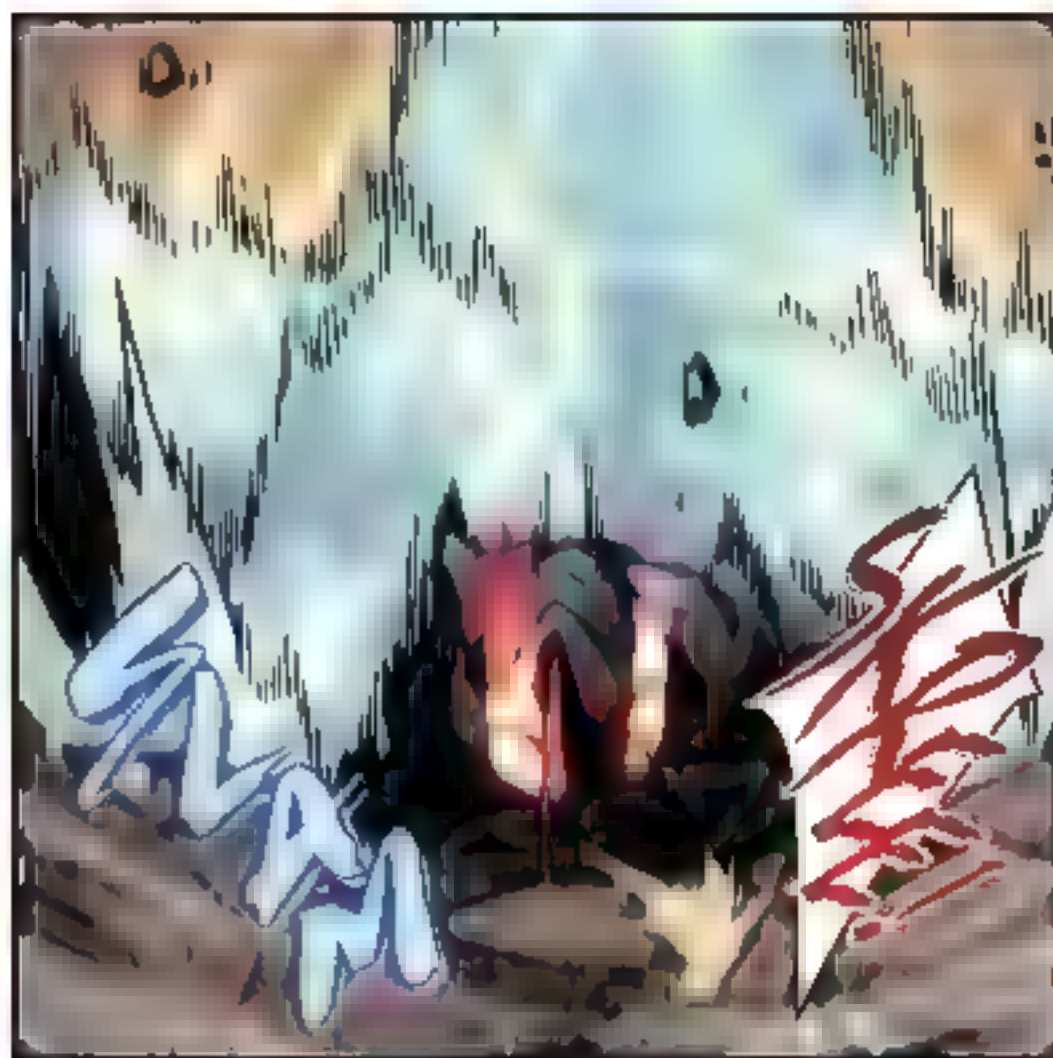


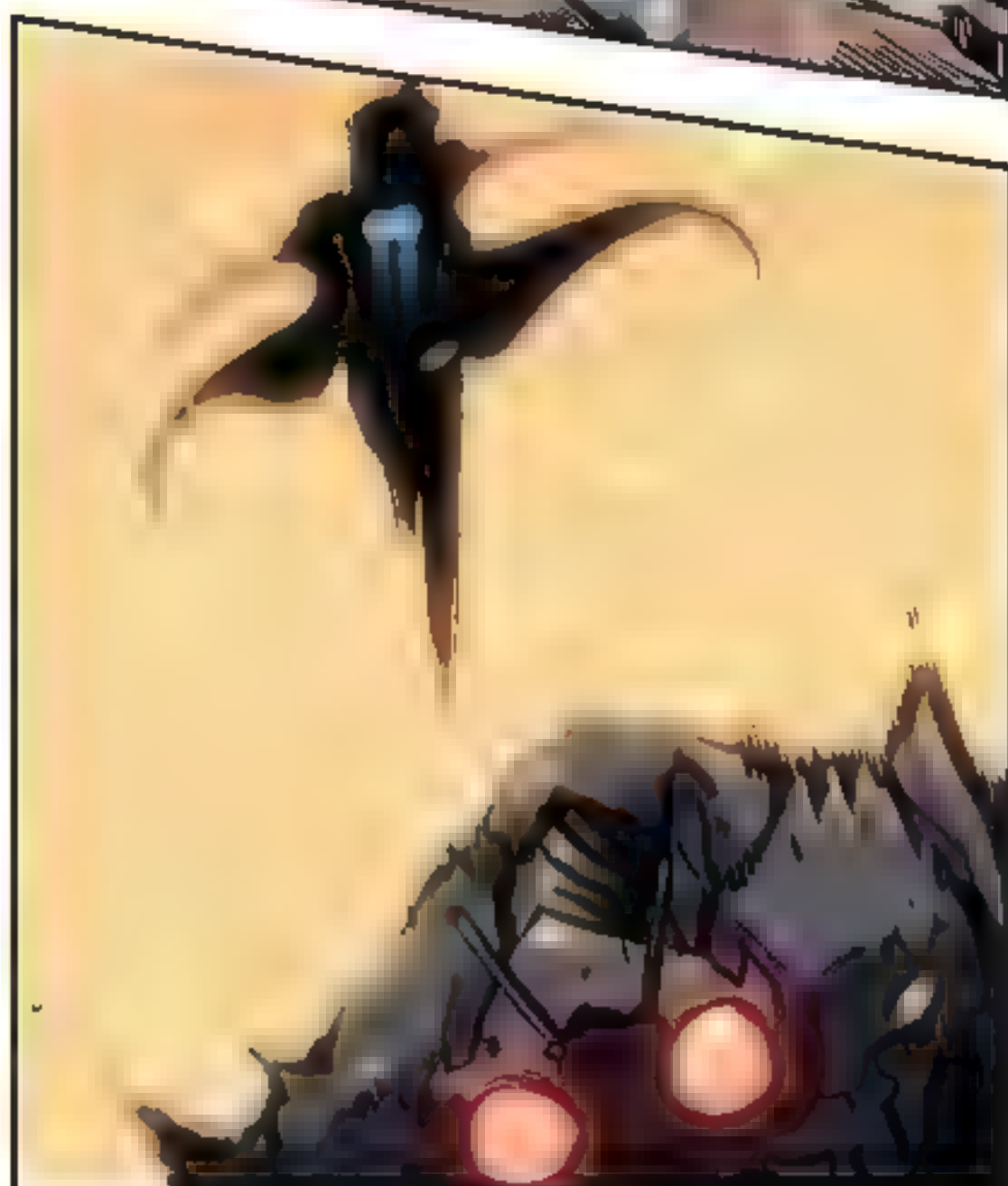
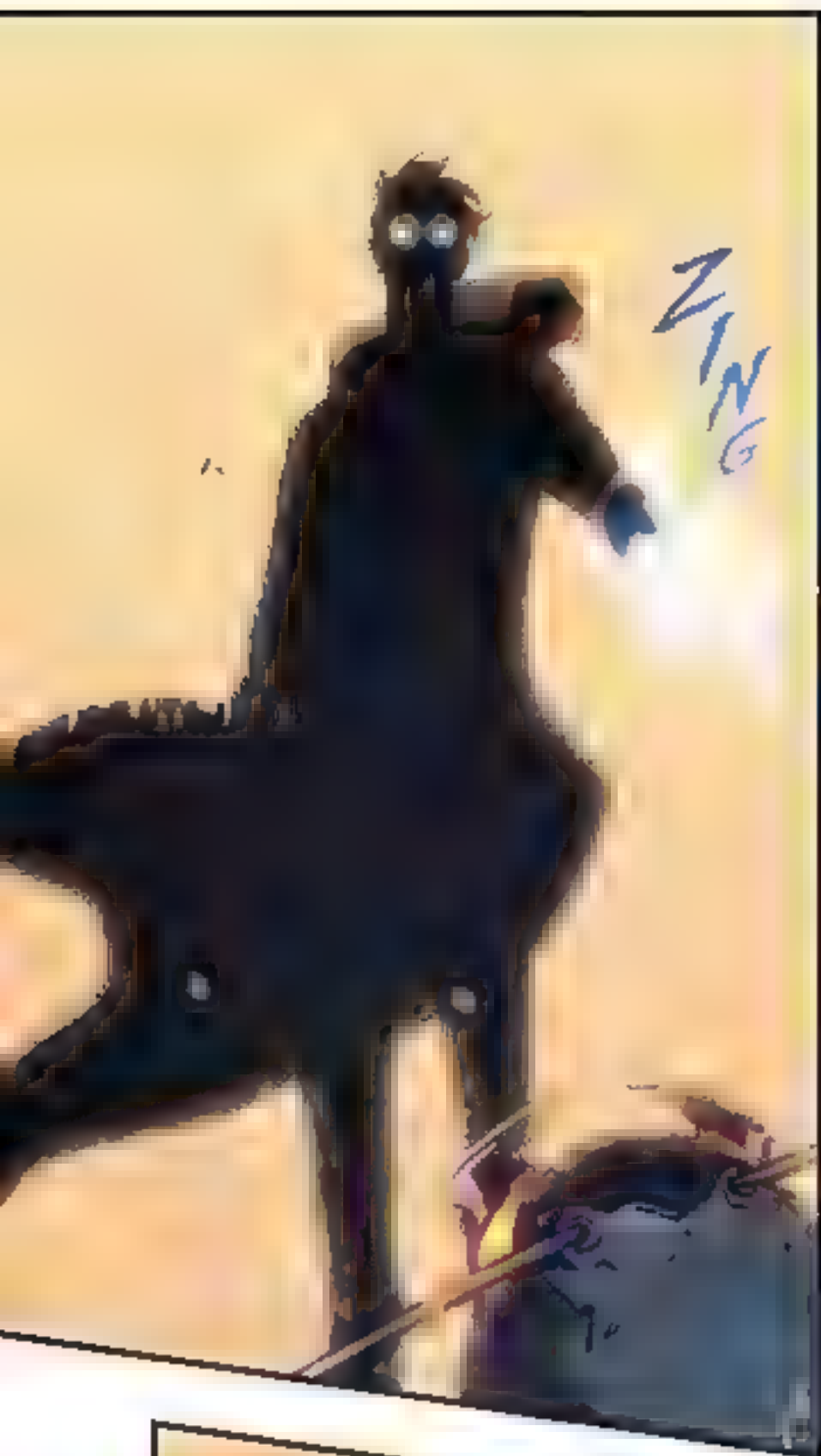
RUN AWAY.





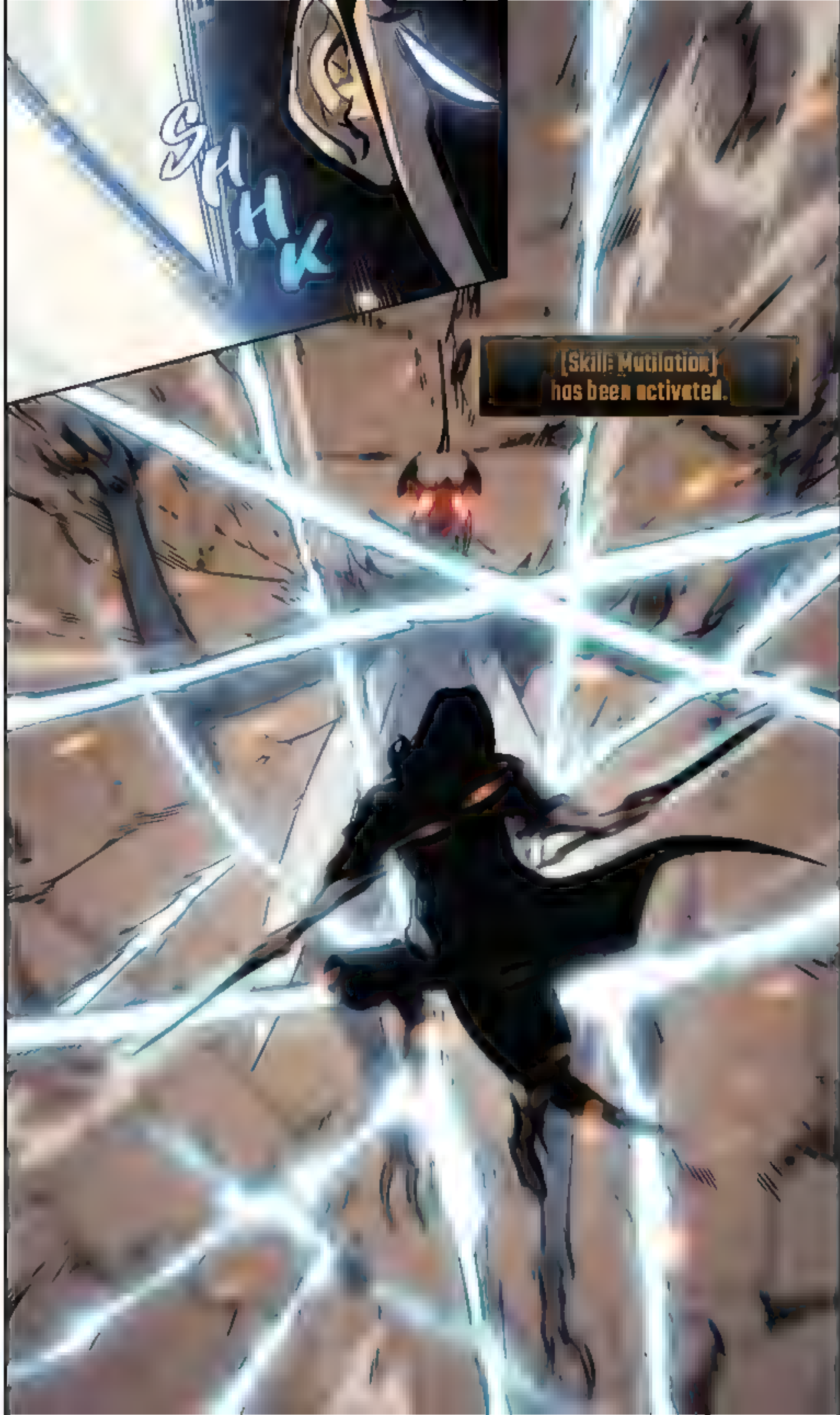
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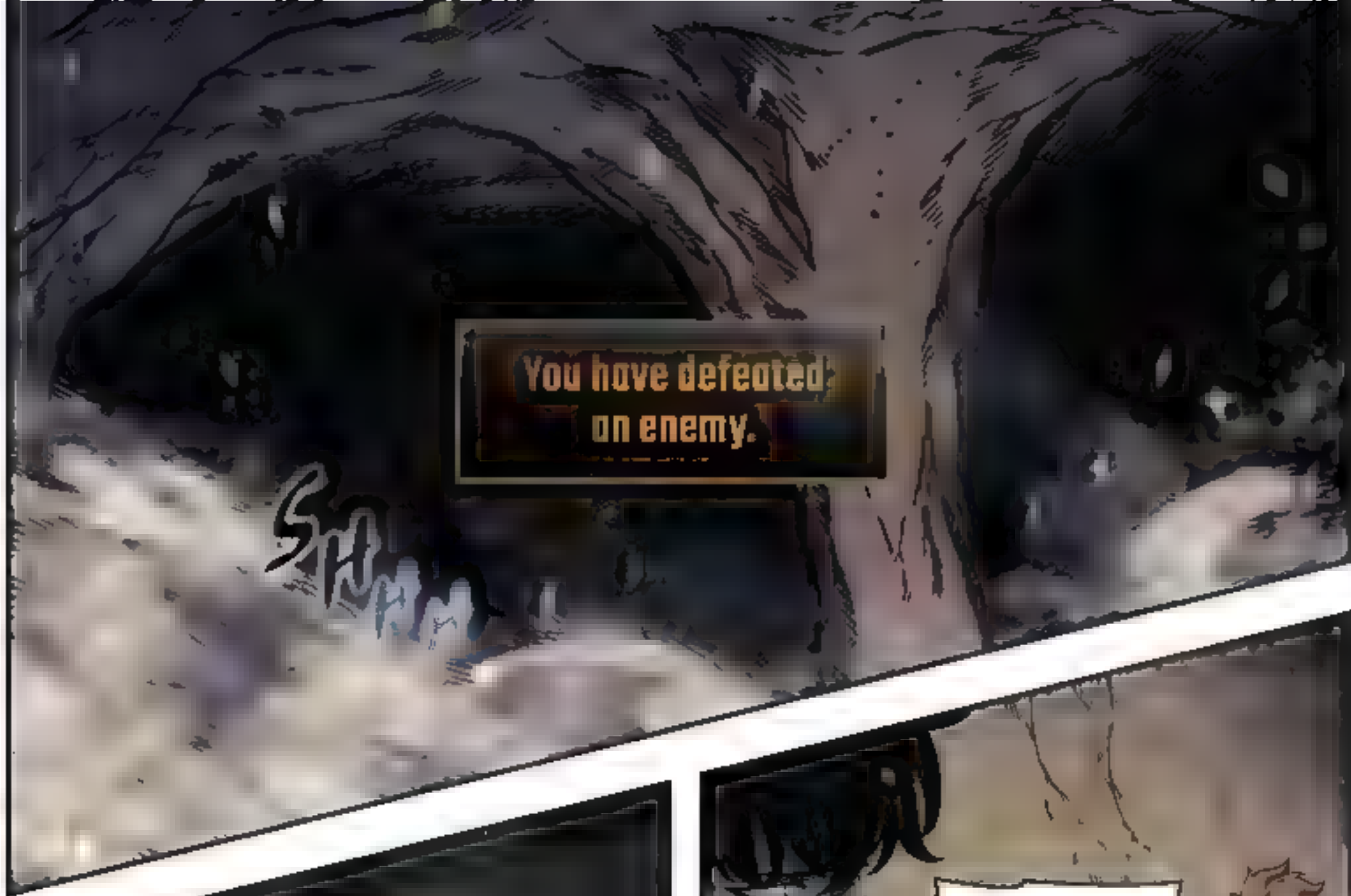




SHIK

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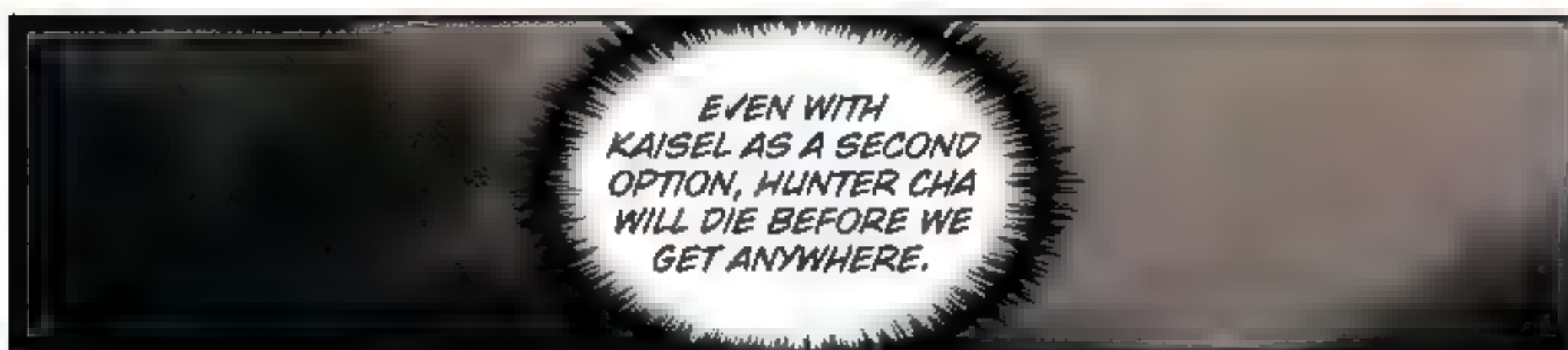
CRAP,
THAT TOOK TOO
LONG.



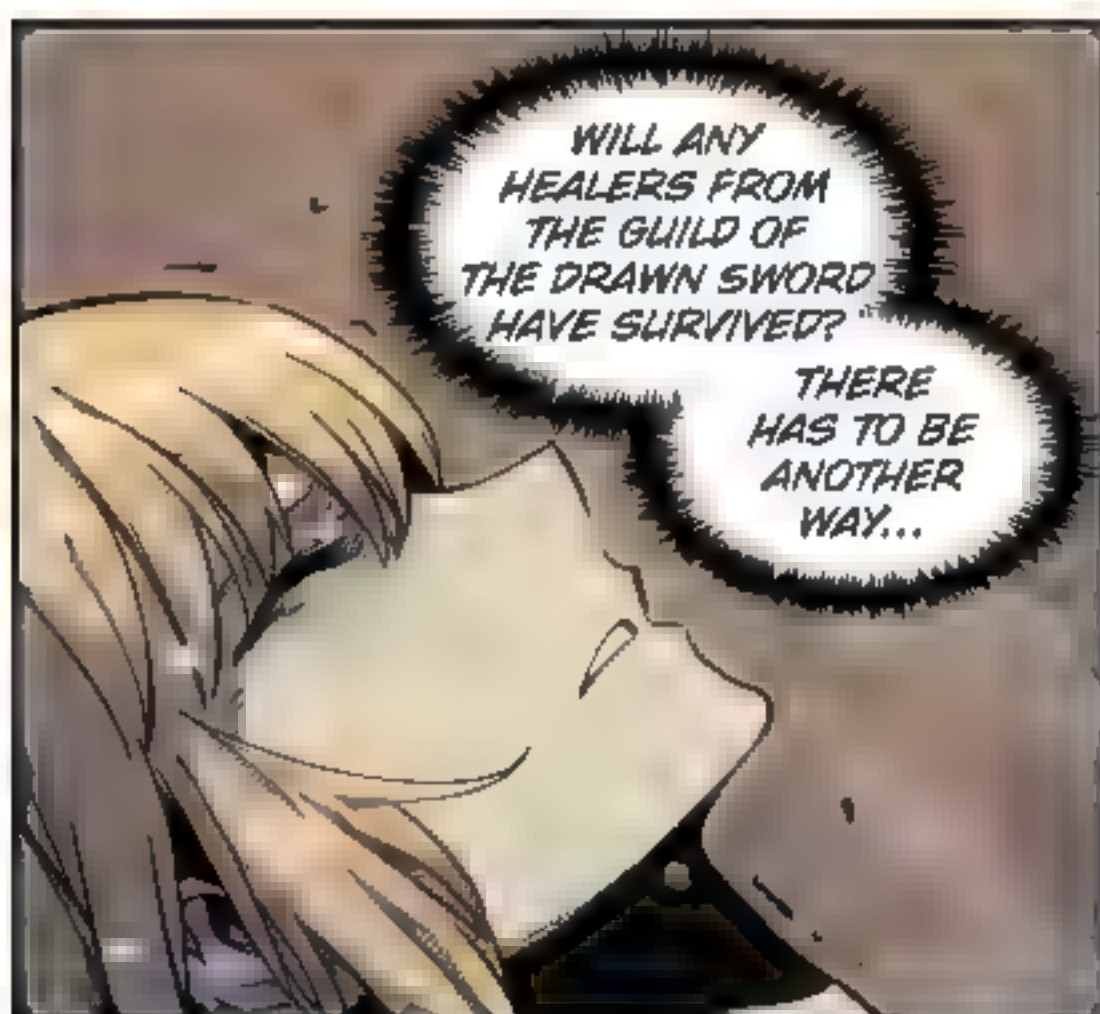
I NEED TO
FIND A HEALER
QUICKLY.

SHADOW
EXCHANGE MIGHT
NOT BE THE BEST
WAY.

THE COOLDOWN
PERIOD ISN'T OVER
YET, AND I'VE
ALSO NEVER TRIED
TRAVELING WITH
SOMEONE.



EVEN WITH
KAISEL AS A SECOND
OPTION, HUNTER CHA
WILL DIE BEFORE WE
GET ANYWHERE.

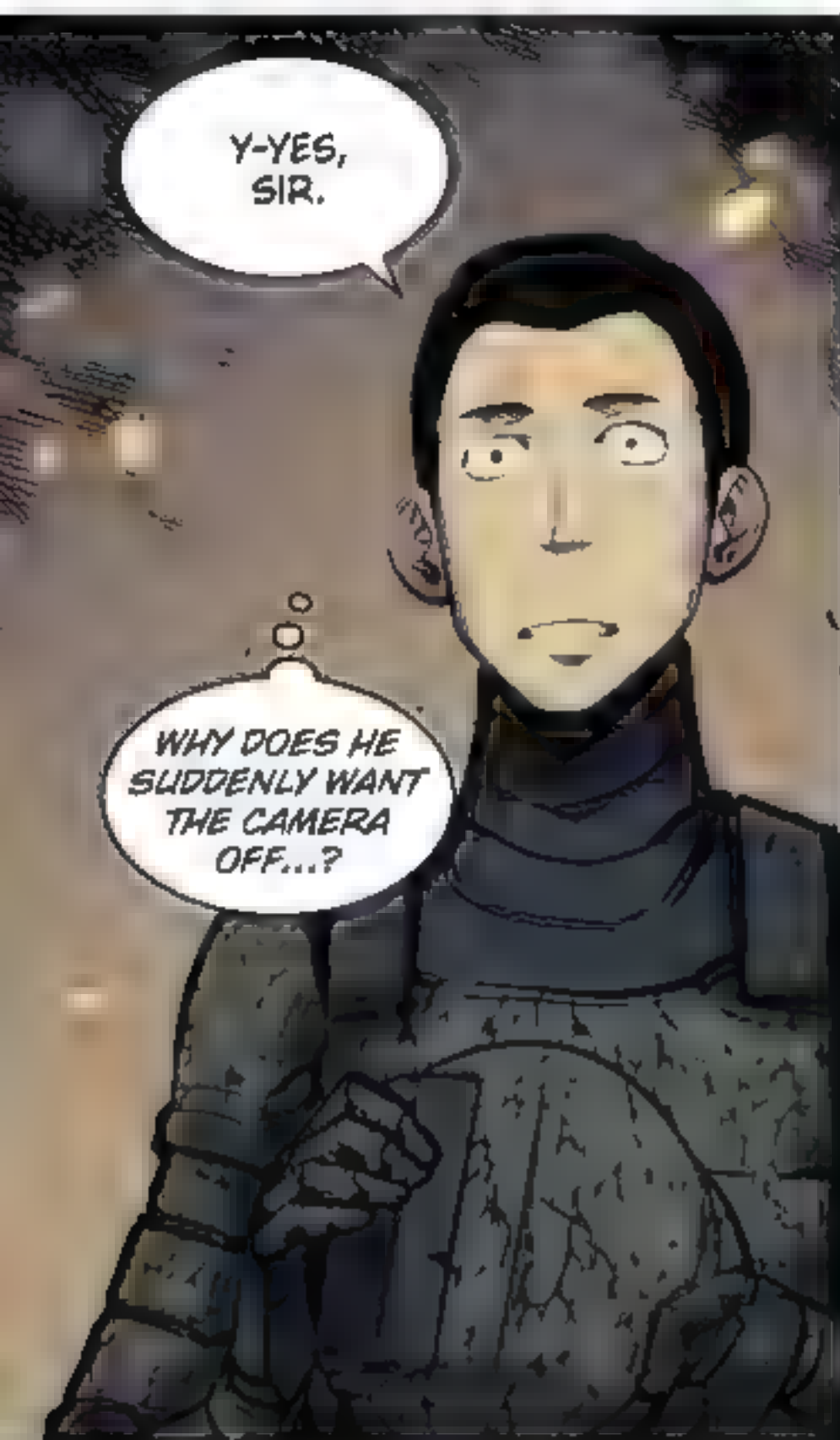


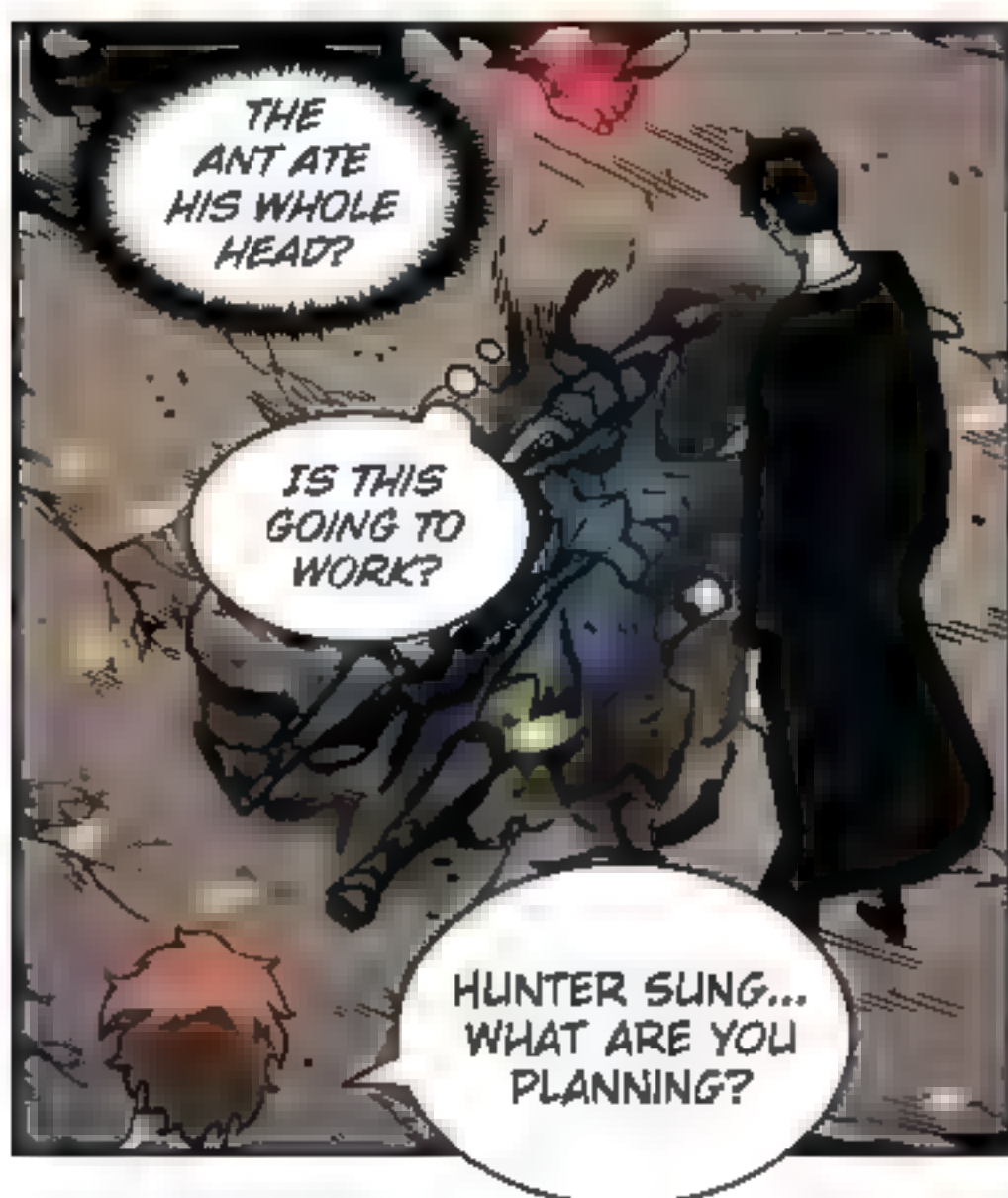
WILL ANY
HEALERS FROM
THE GUILD OF
THE DRAWN SWORD
HAVE SURVIVED?

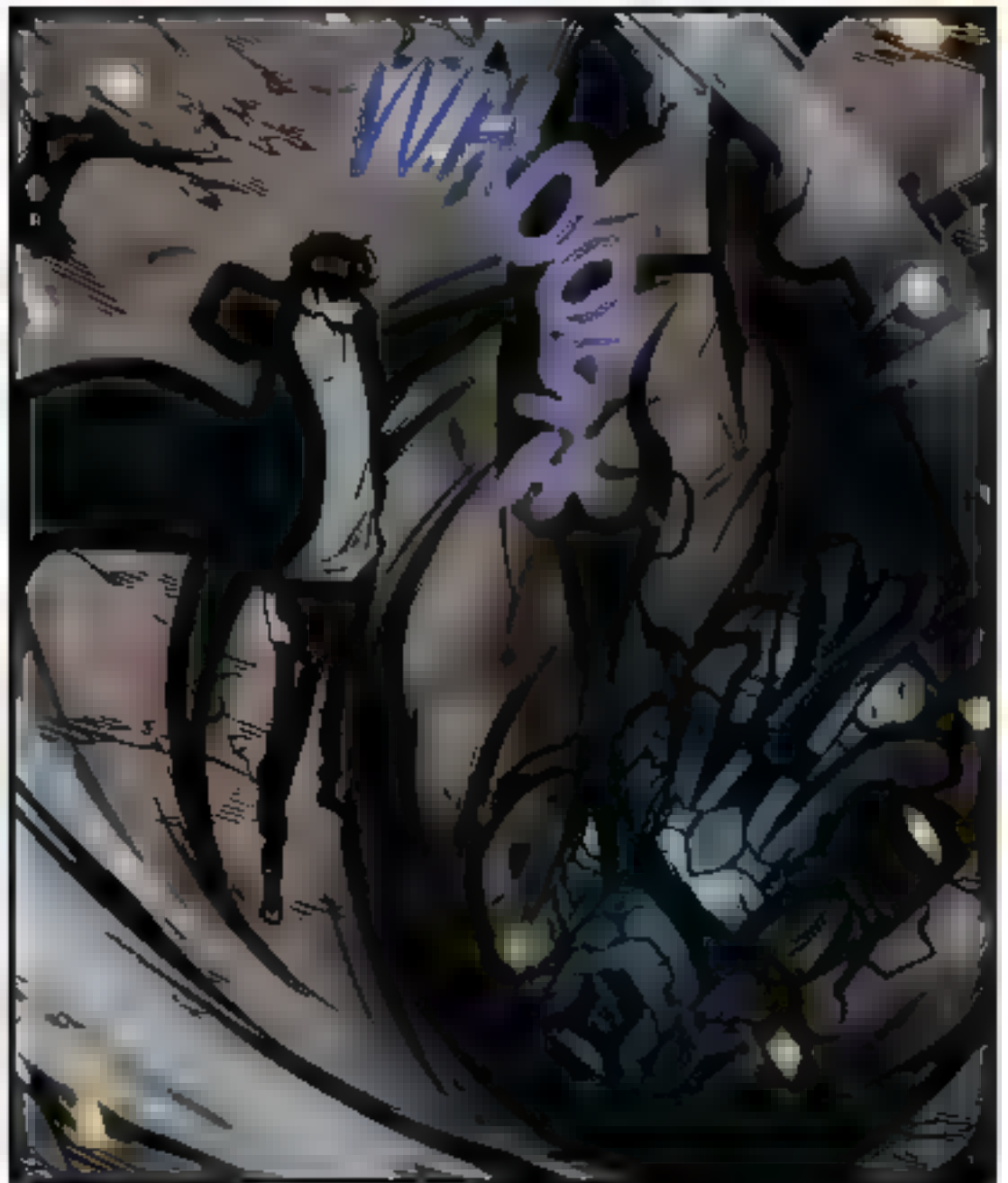
THERE
HAS TO BE
ANOTHER
WAY...



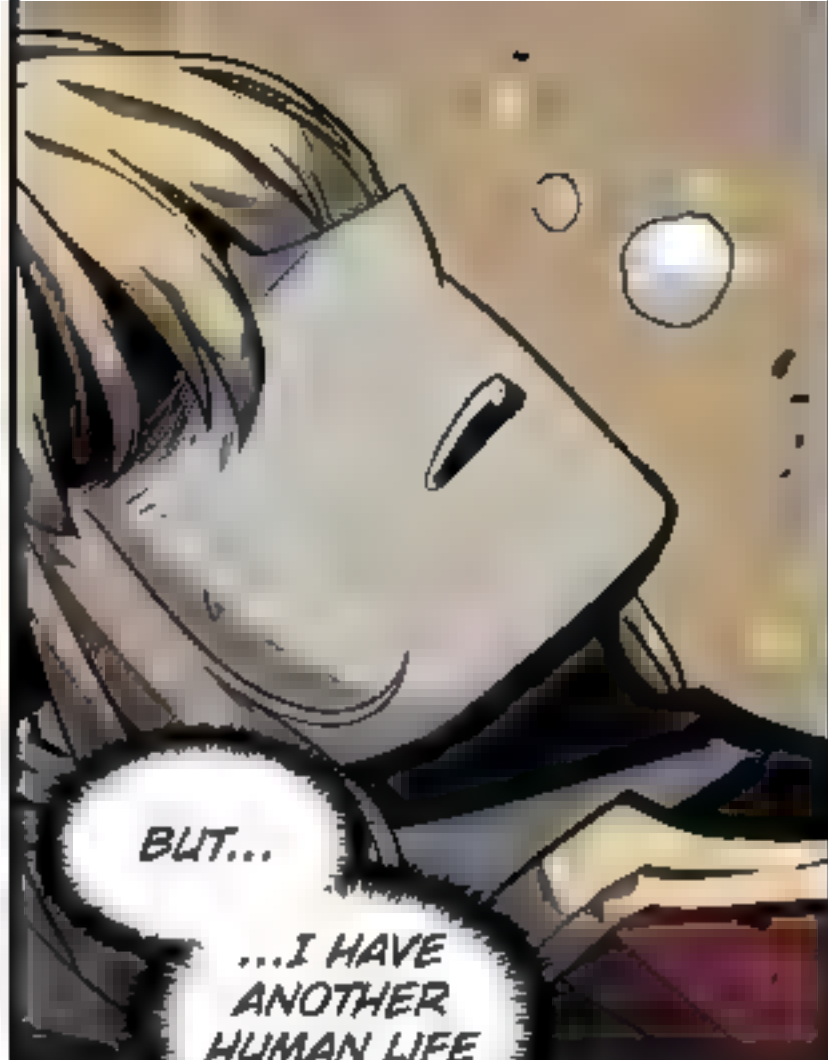
FLINCH









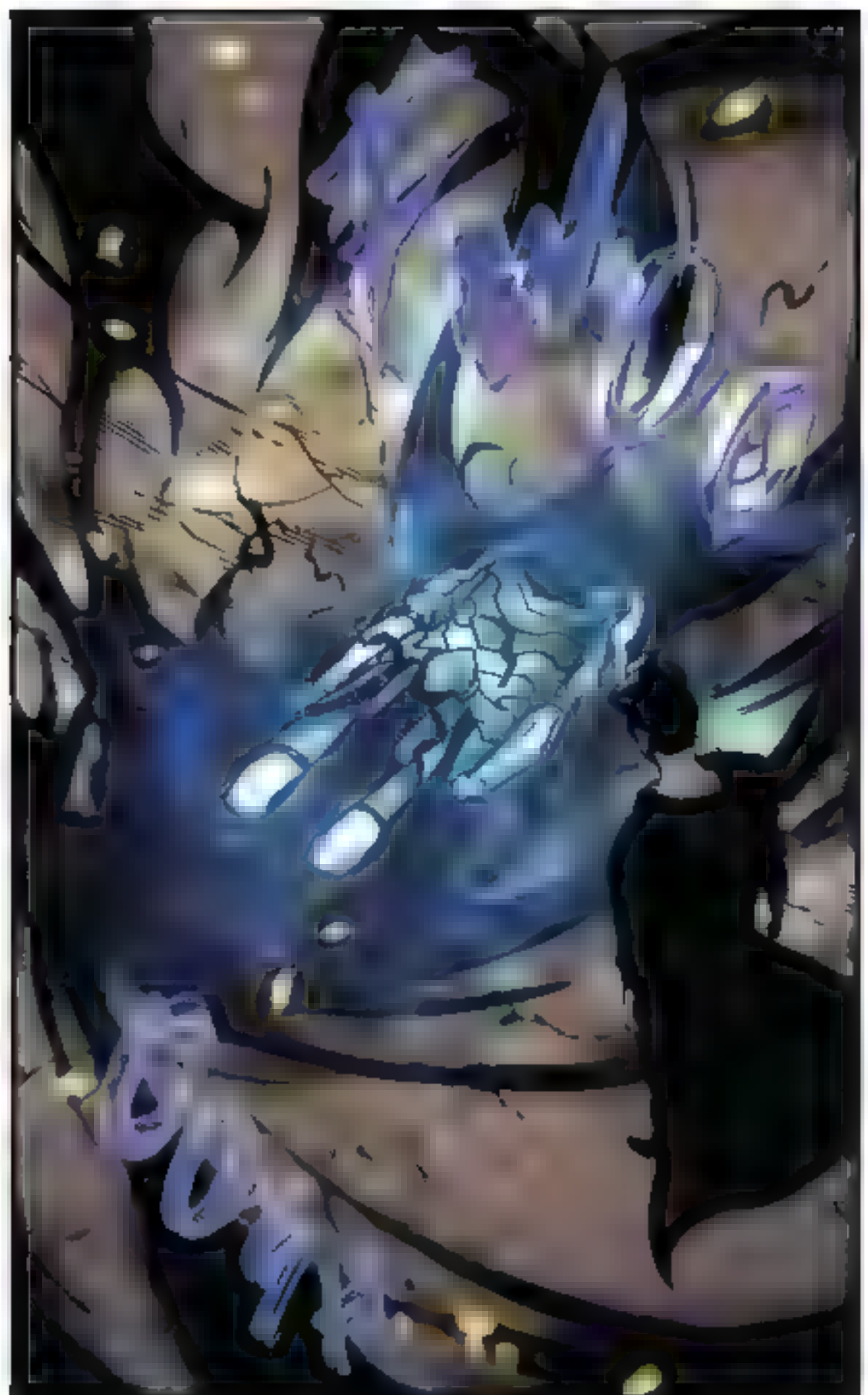


BUT...

...I HAVE
ANOTHER
HUMAN LIFE
TO SAVE.



ARISE.



HUNTER
SUNG!

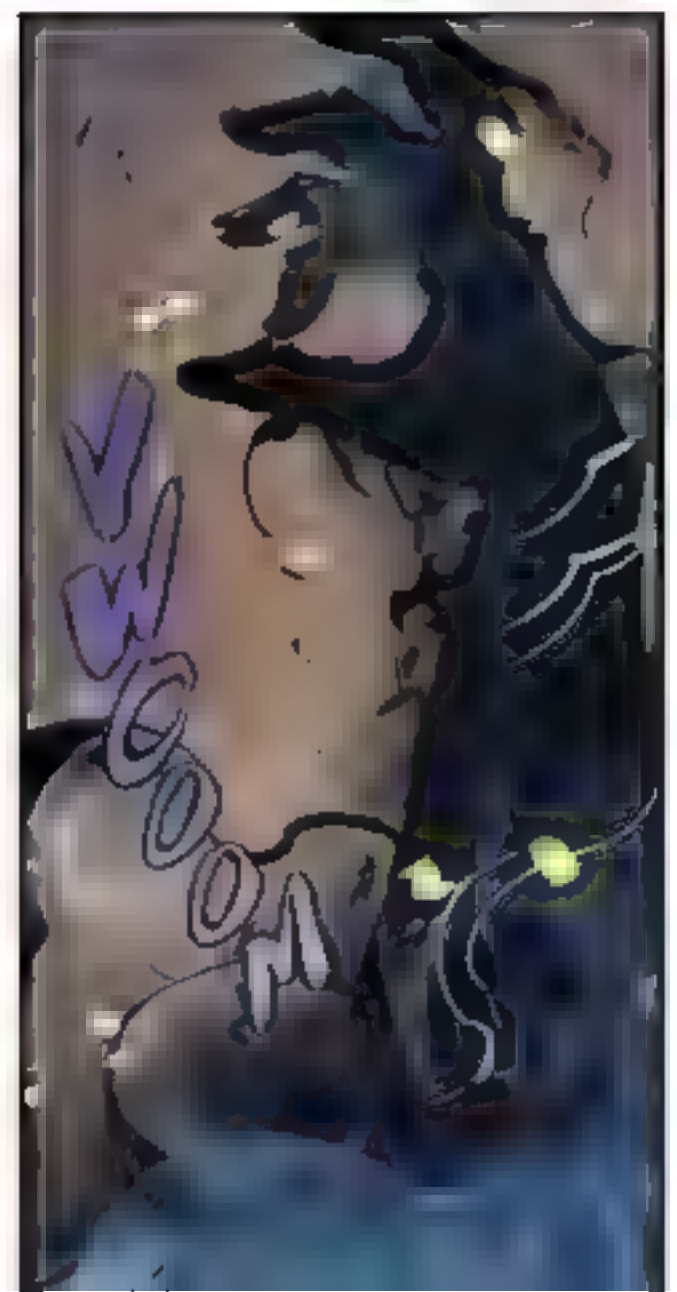
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING TO
BYUNGGU?!!

GRAB

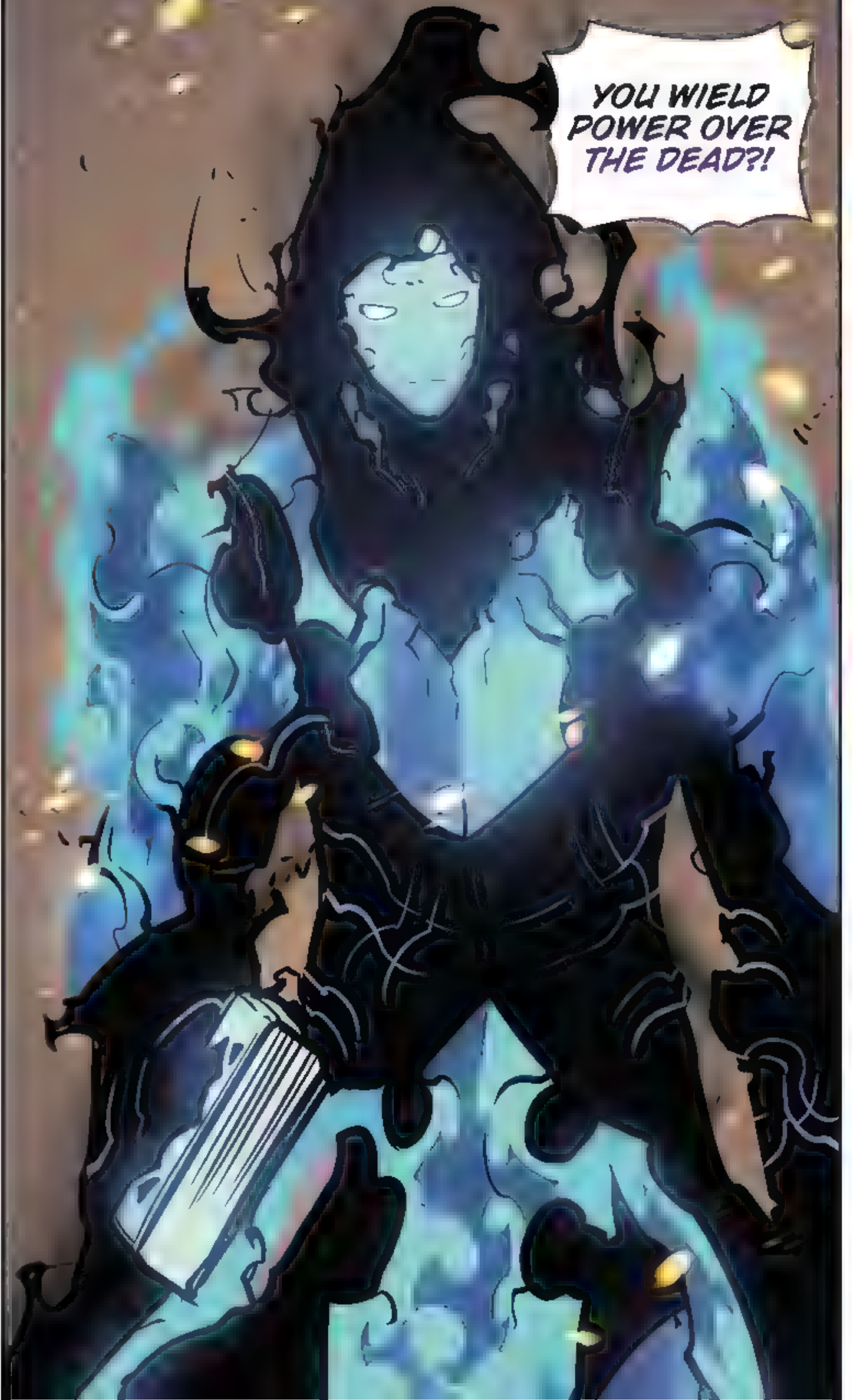


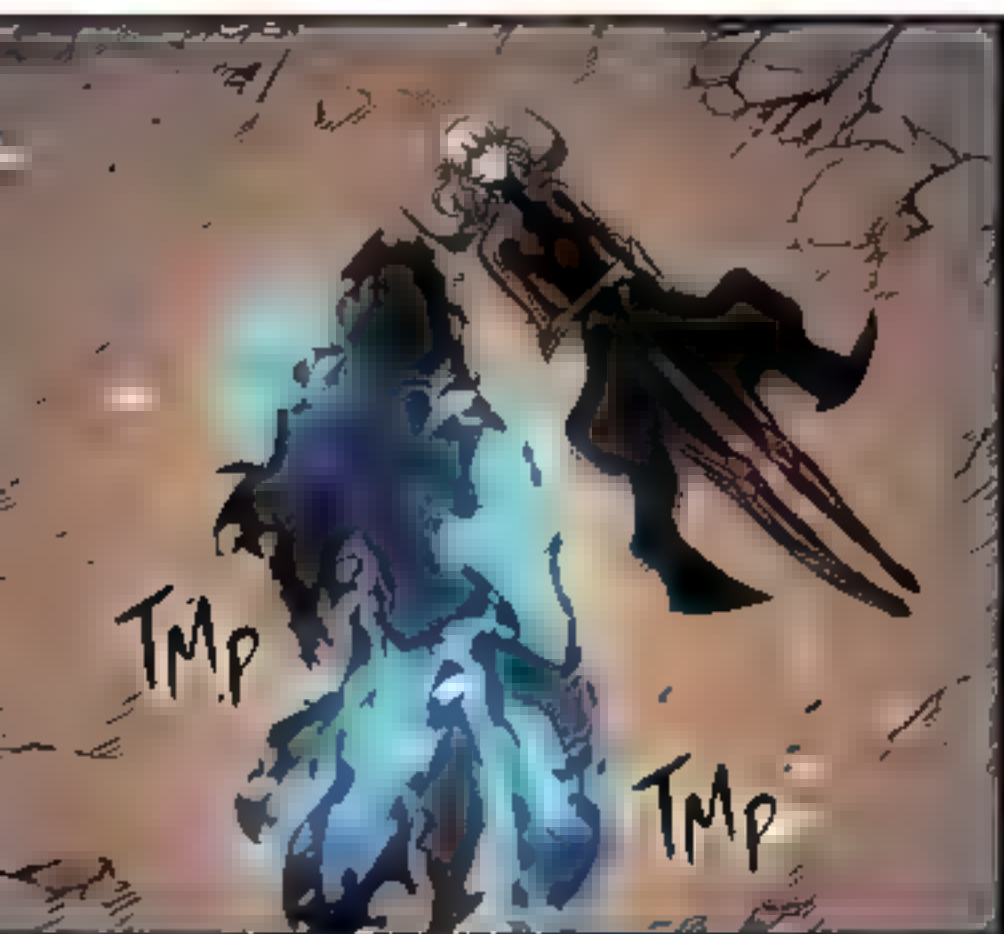
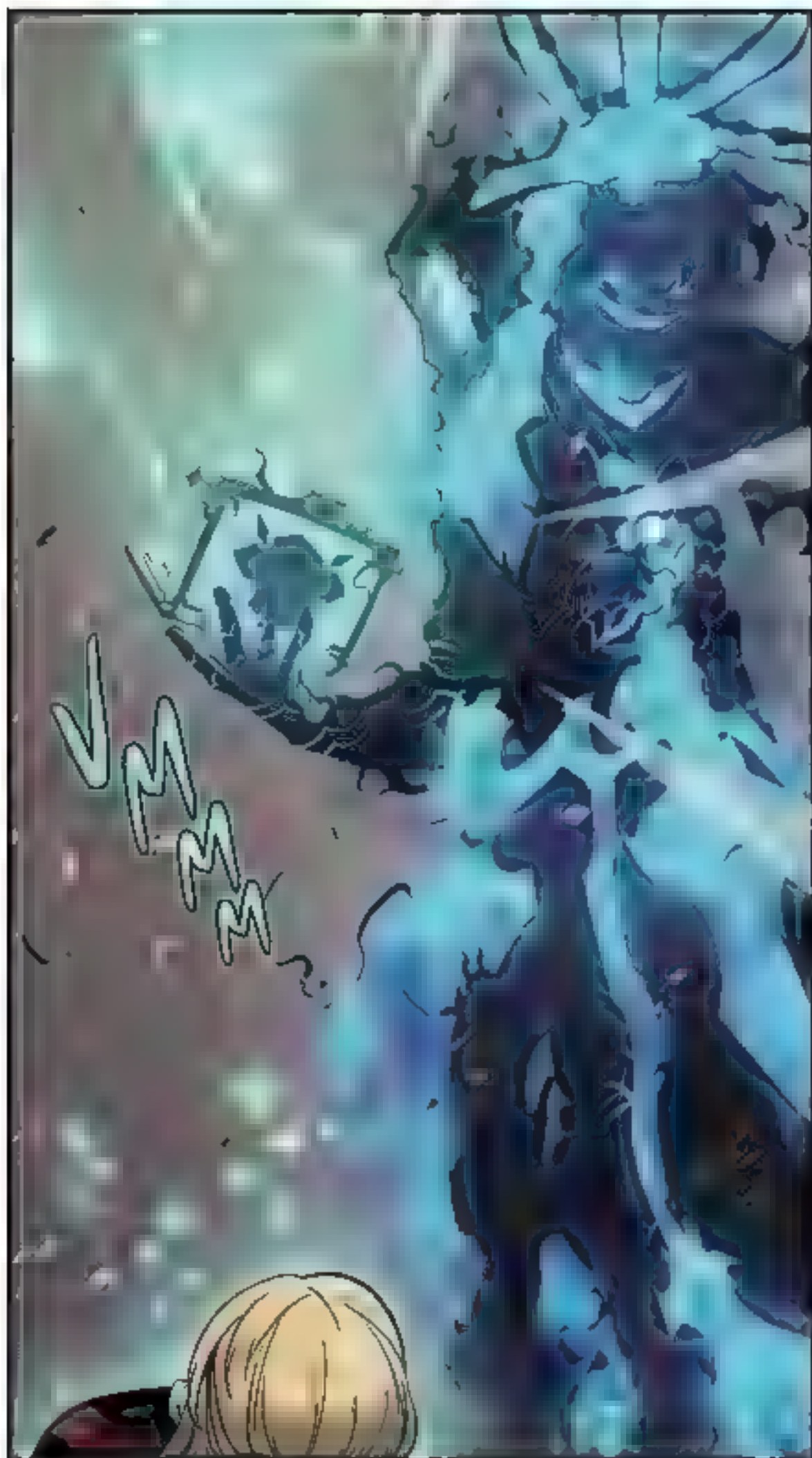
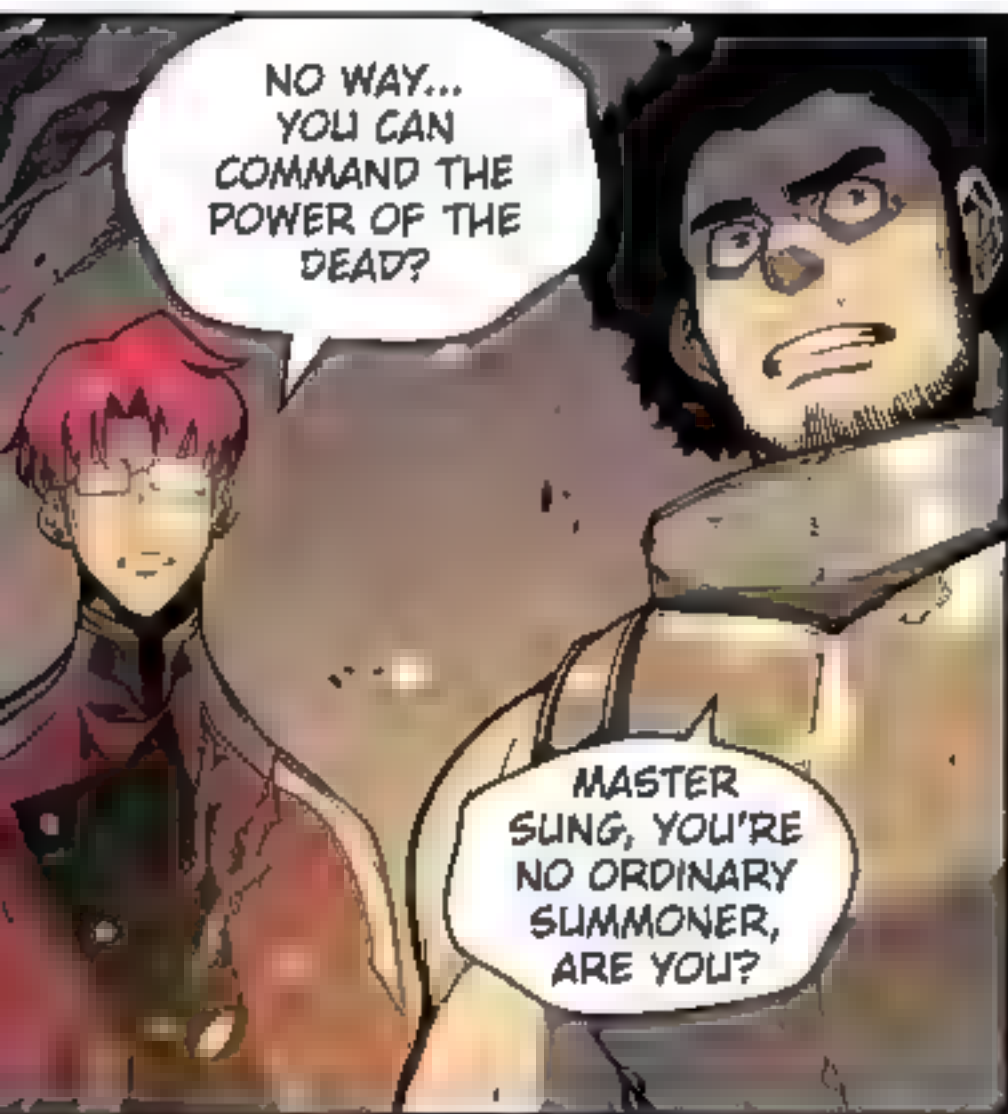
YOUR
POWER...!

IS THIS YOUR
ABILITY...?!!



**YOU WIELD
POWER OVER
THE DEAD?!**





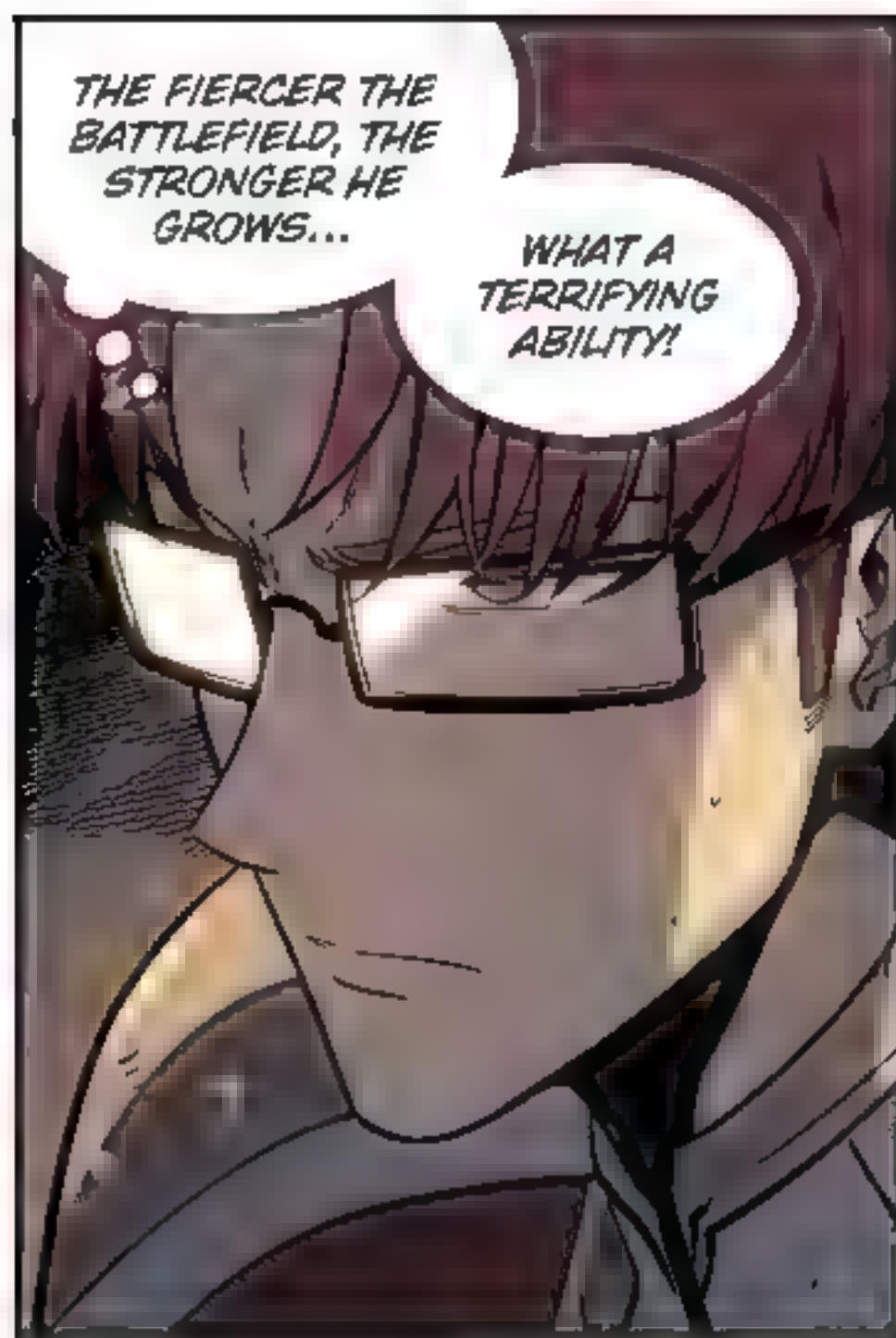




HE CAN
SUMMON
MINIONS
FROM THE
DECEASED?

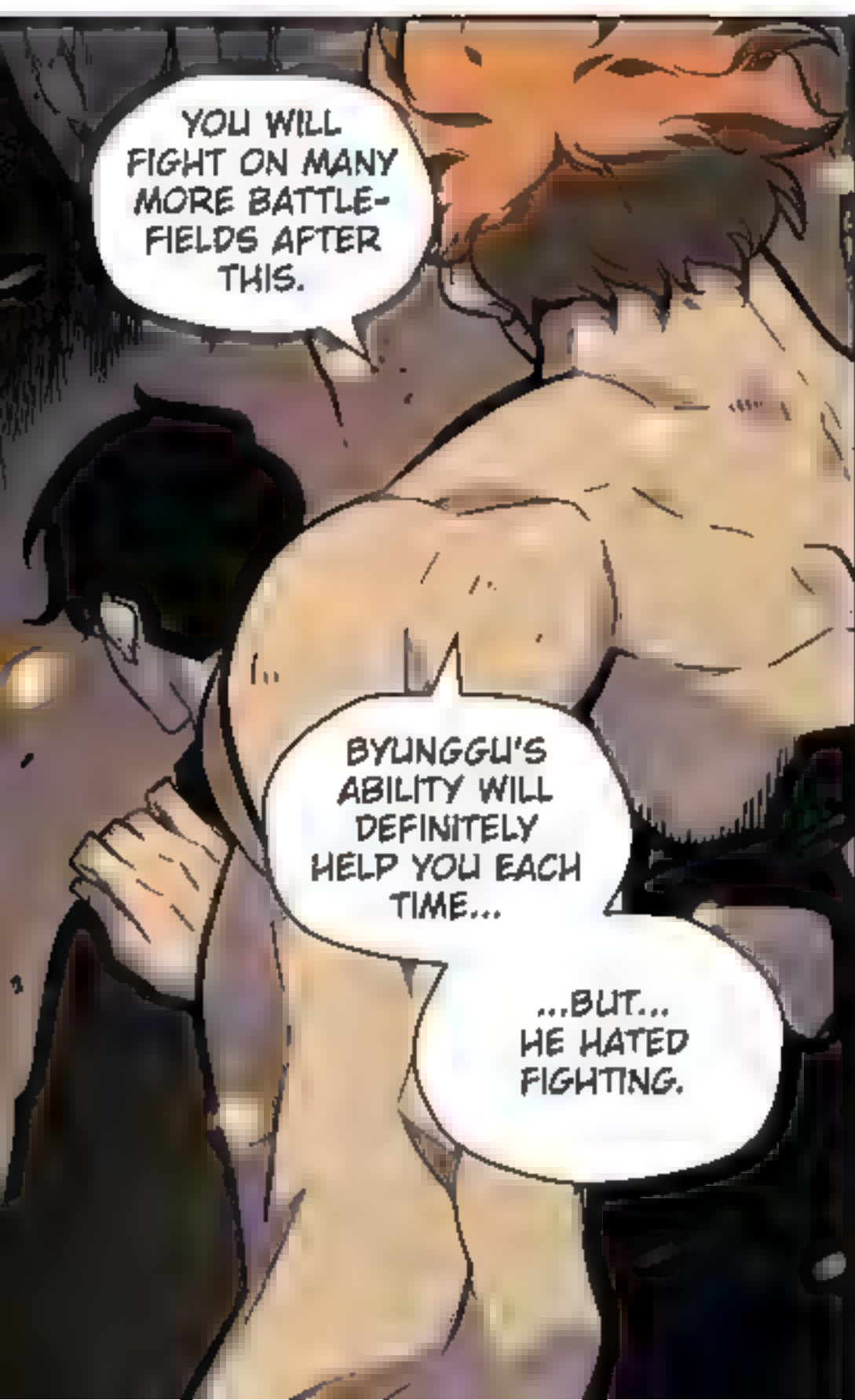
I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT TO SAY.

I UNDERSTAND
WHY HE ASKED ME
TO TURN OFF THE
CAMERA. HE CAN'T
REVEAL THIS POWER
TO THE PUBLIC.



THE FIERCER THE
BATTLEFIELD, THE
STRONGER HE
GROWS...

WHAT A
TERRIFYING
ABILITY!



YOU WILL
FIGHT ON MANY
MORE BATTLE-
FIELDS AFTER
THIS.

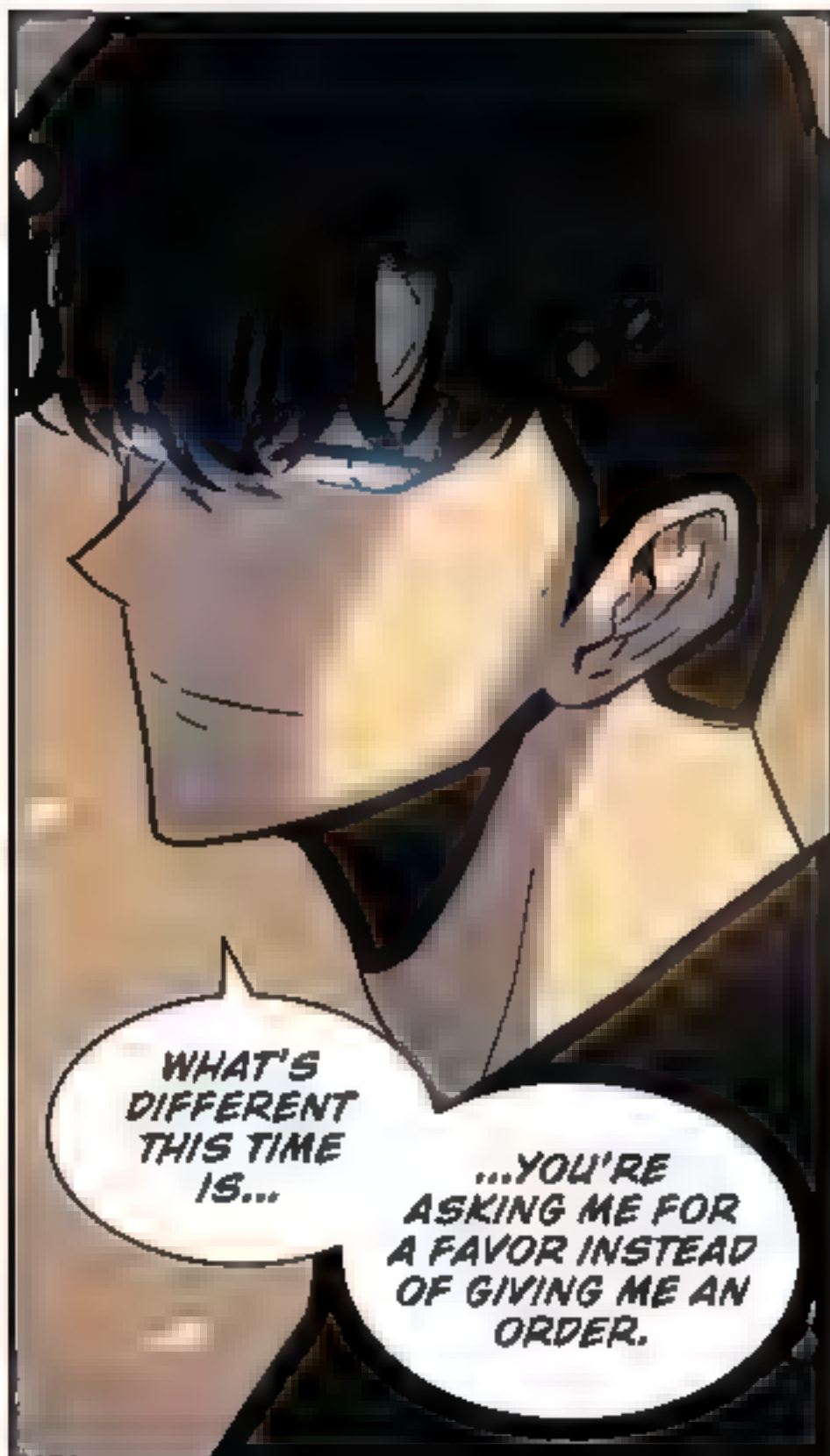
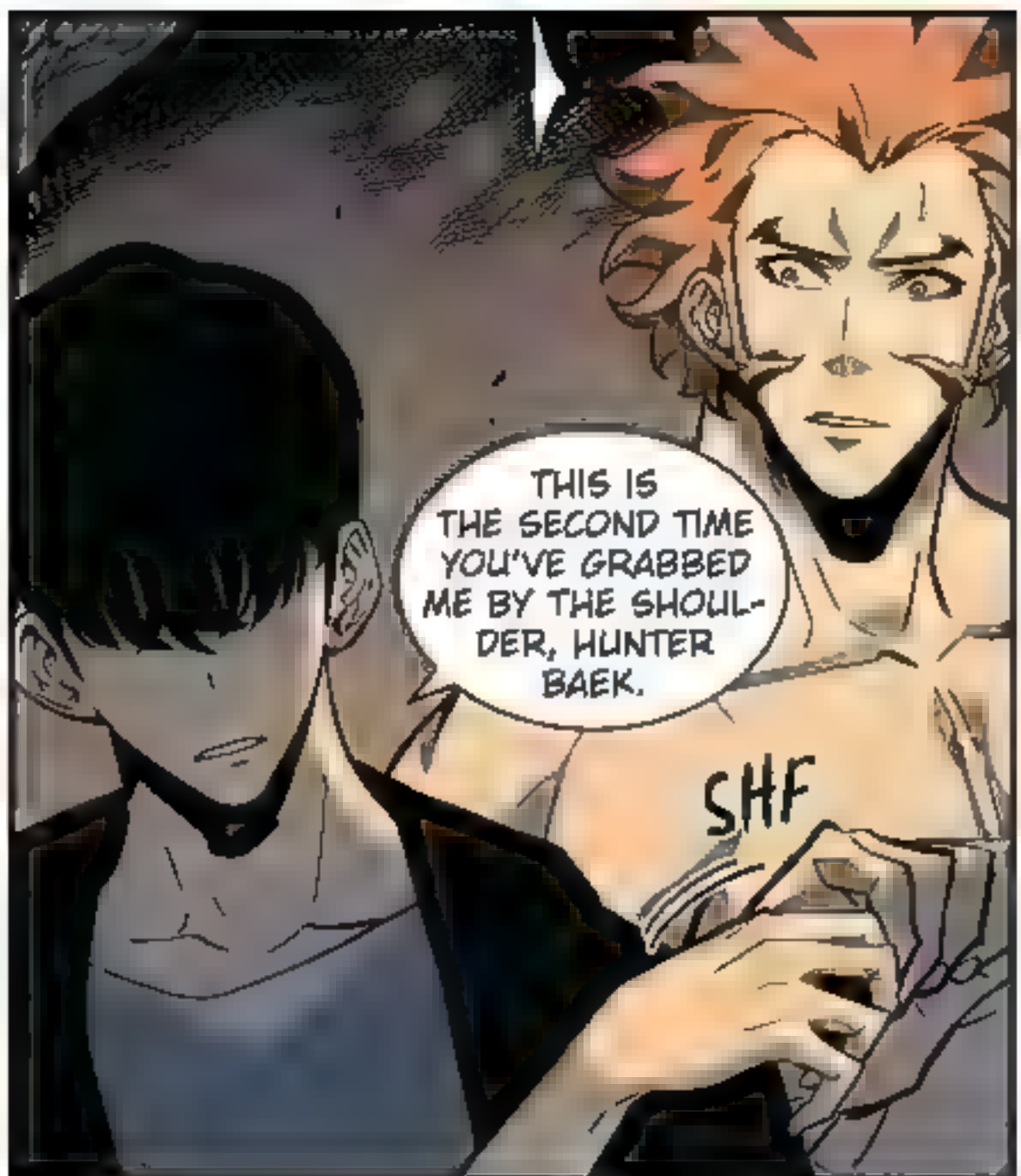
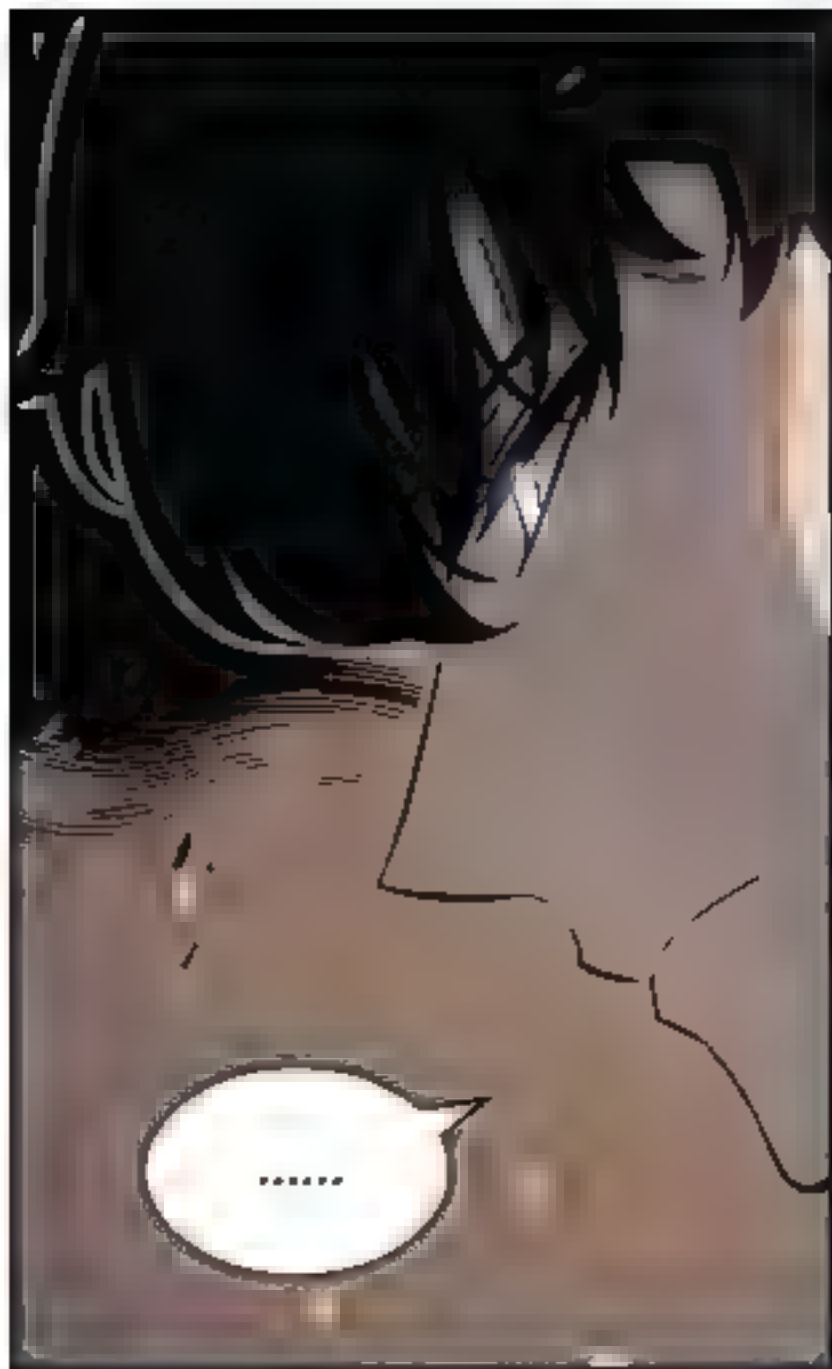
BYUNGGU'S
ABILITY WILL
DEFINITELY
HELP YOU EACH
TIME...

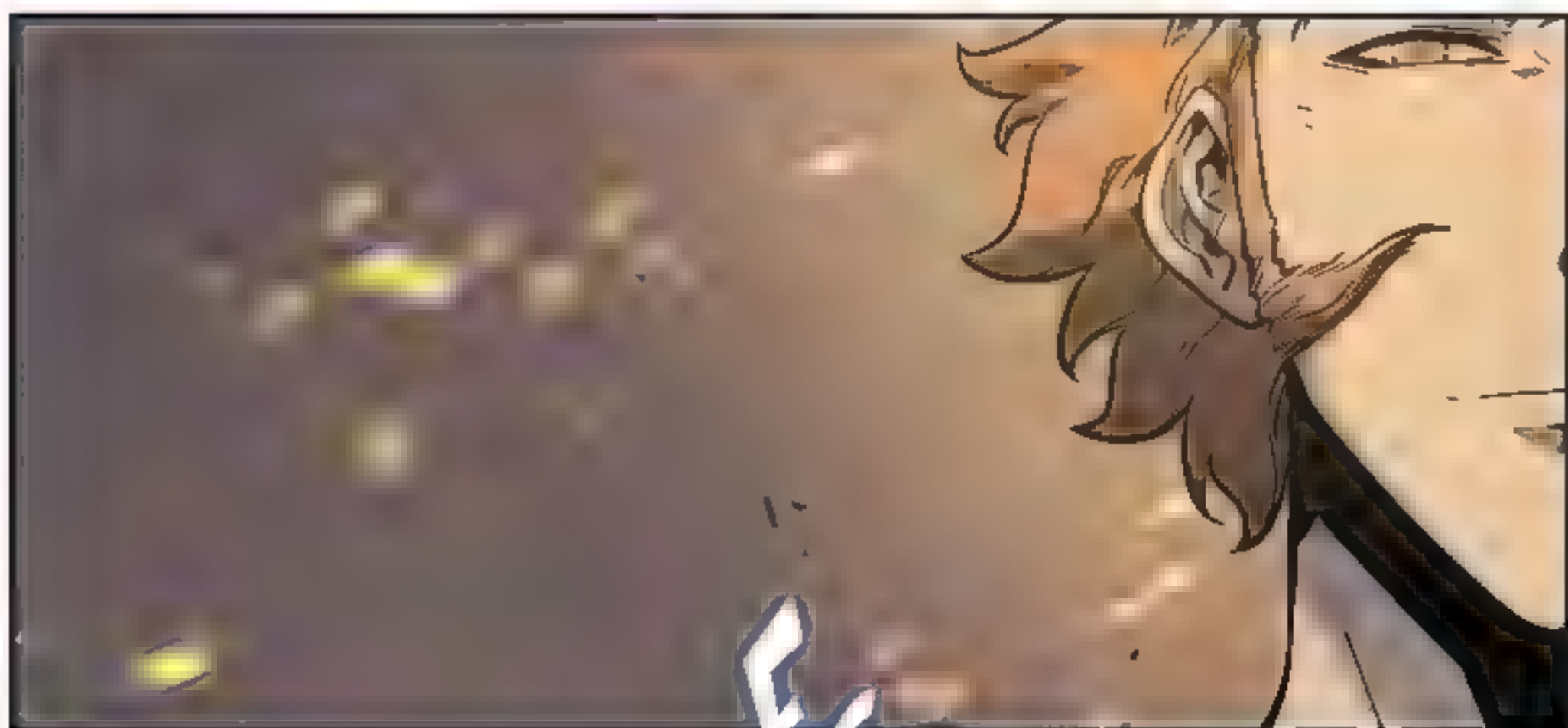
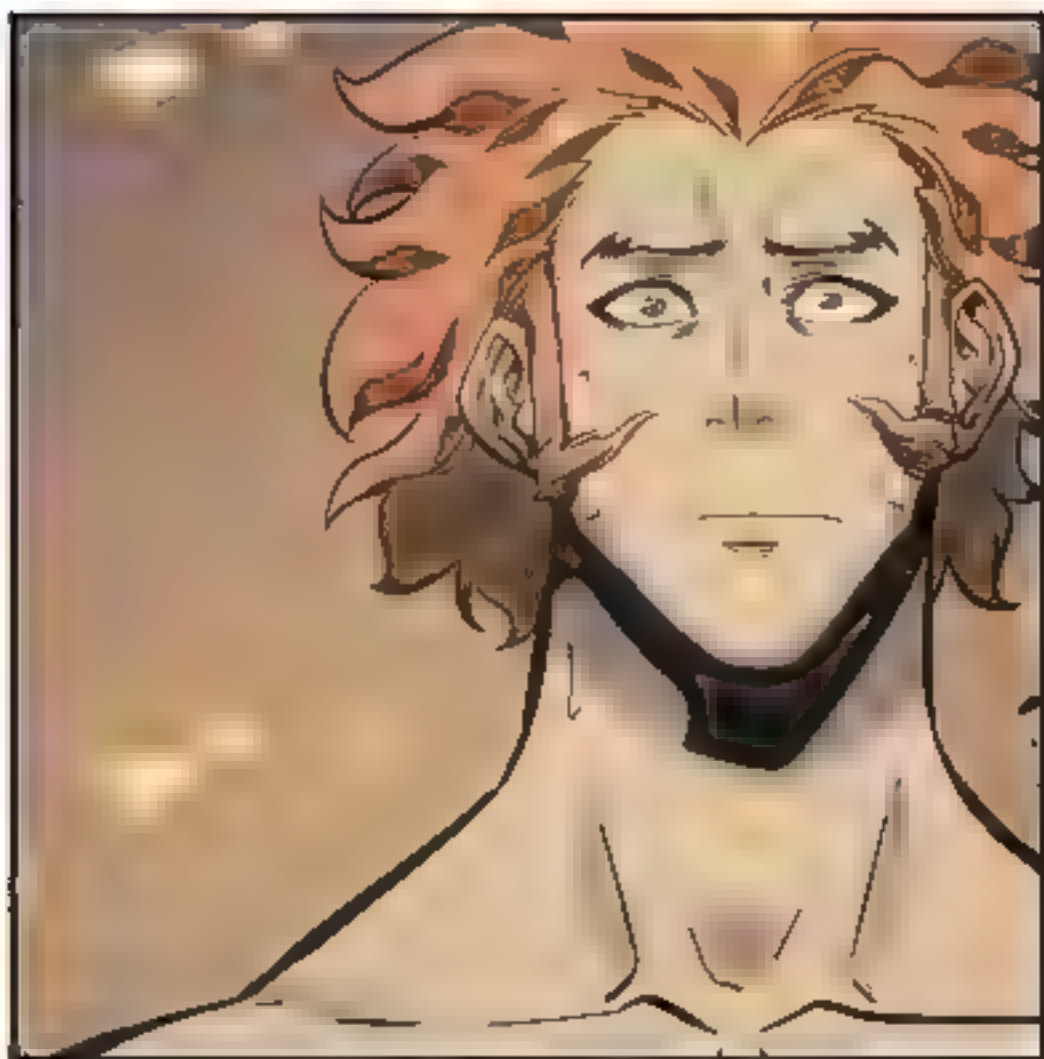
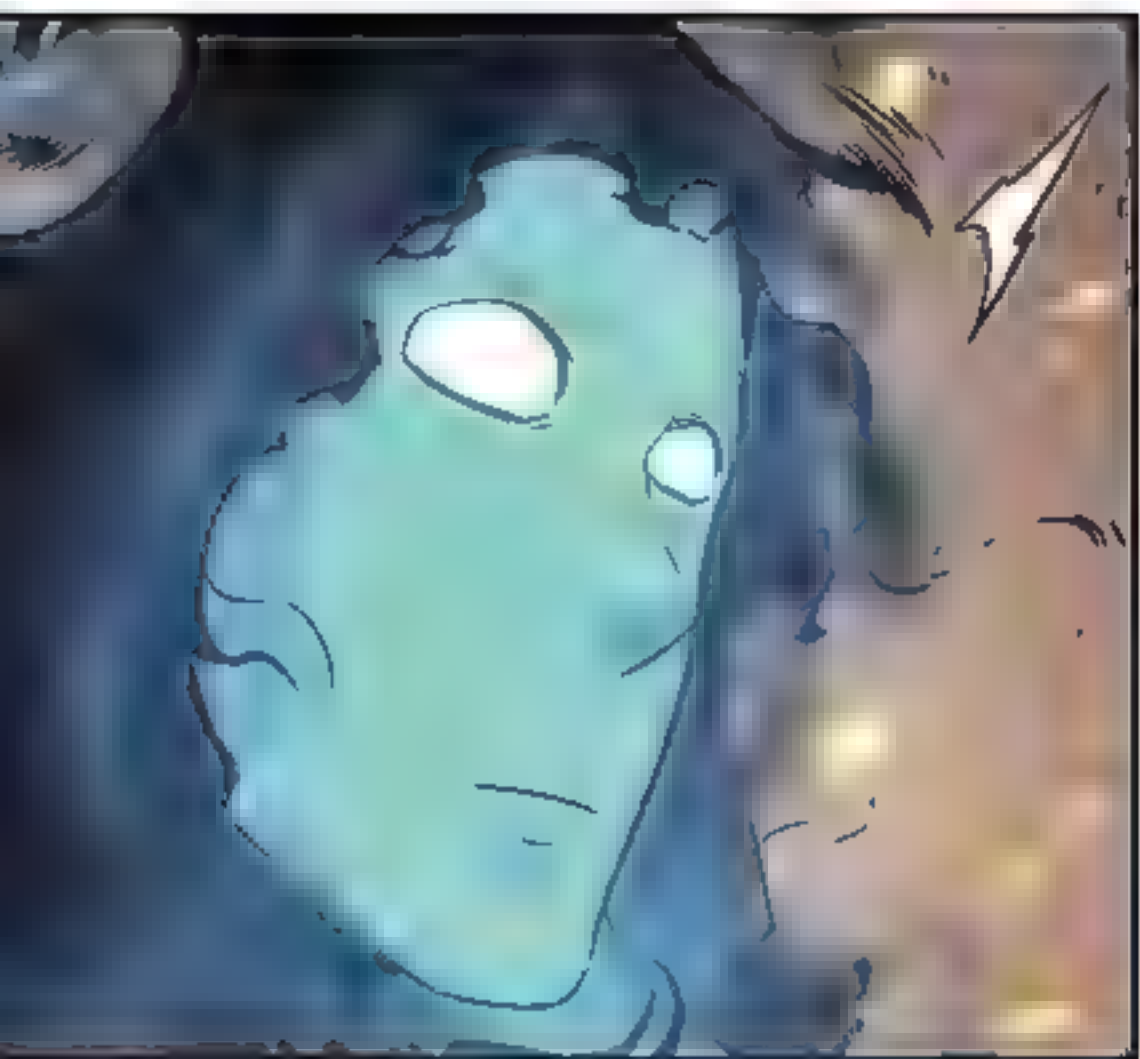
...BUT...
HE HATED
FIGHTING.

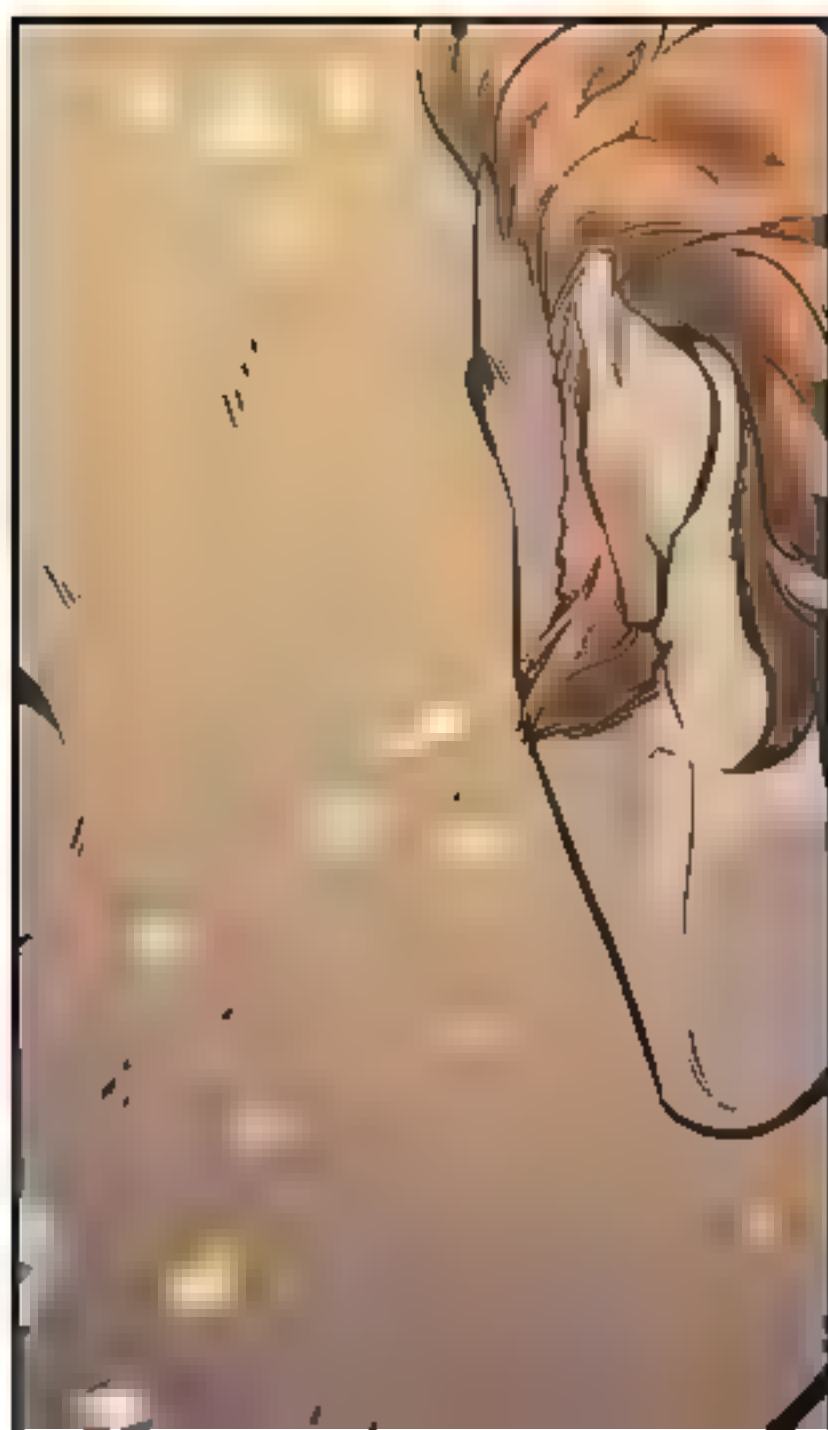


PLEASE
DO NOT TAKE
BYUNGGU...

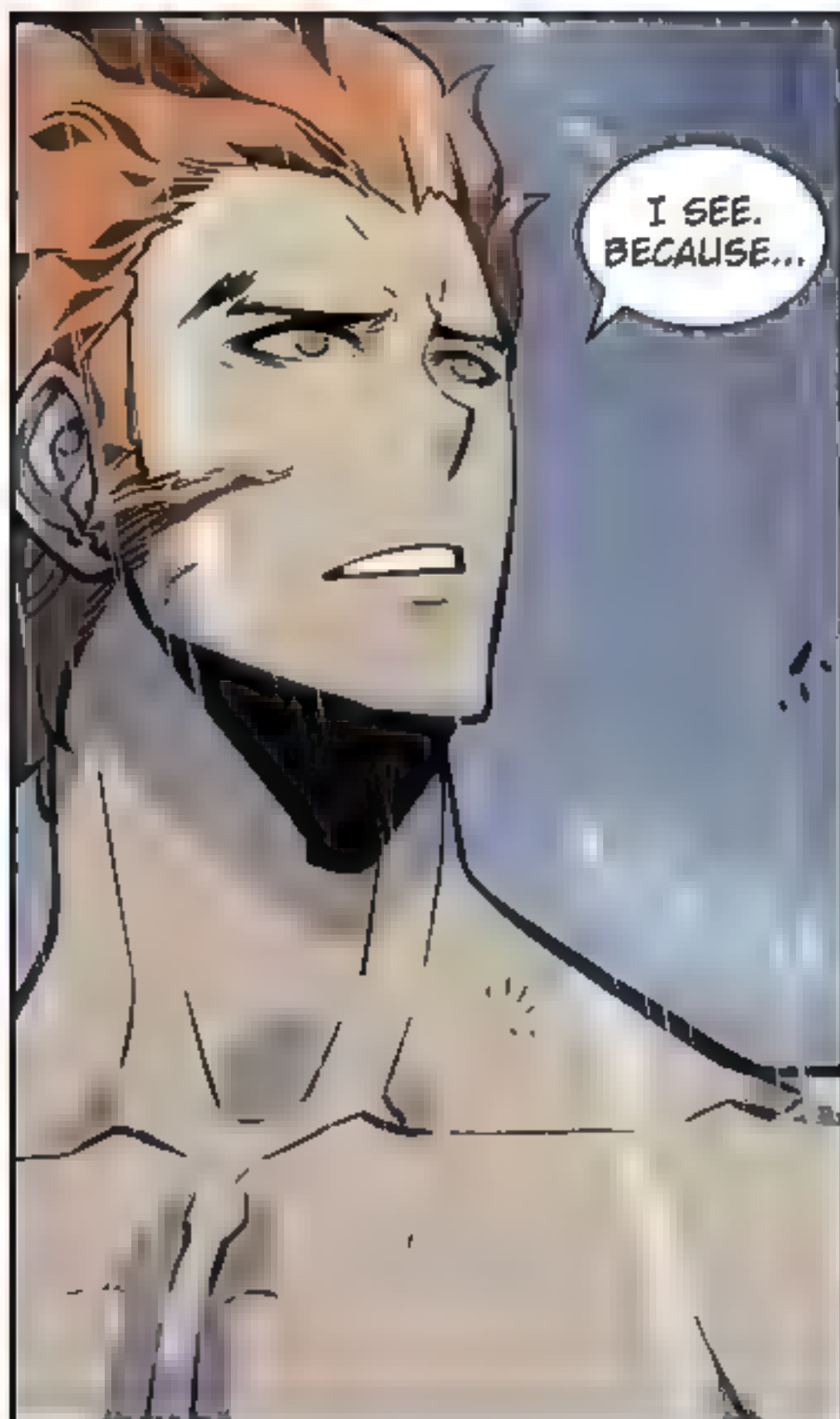
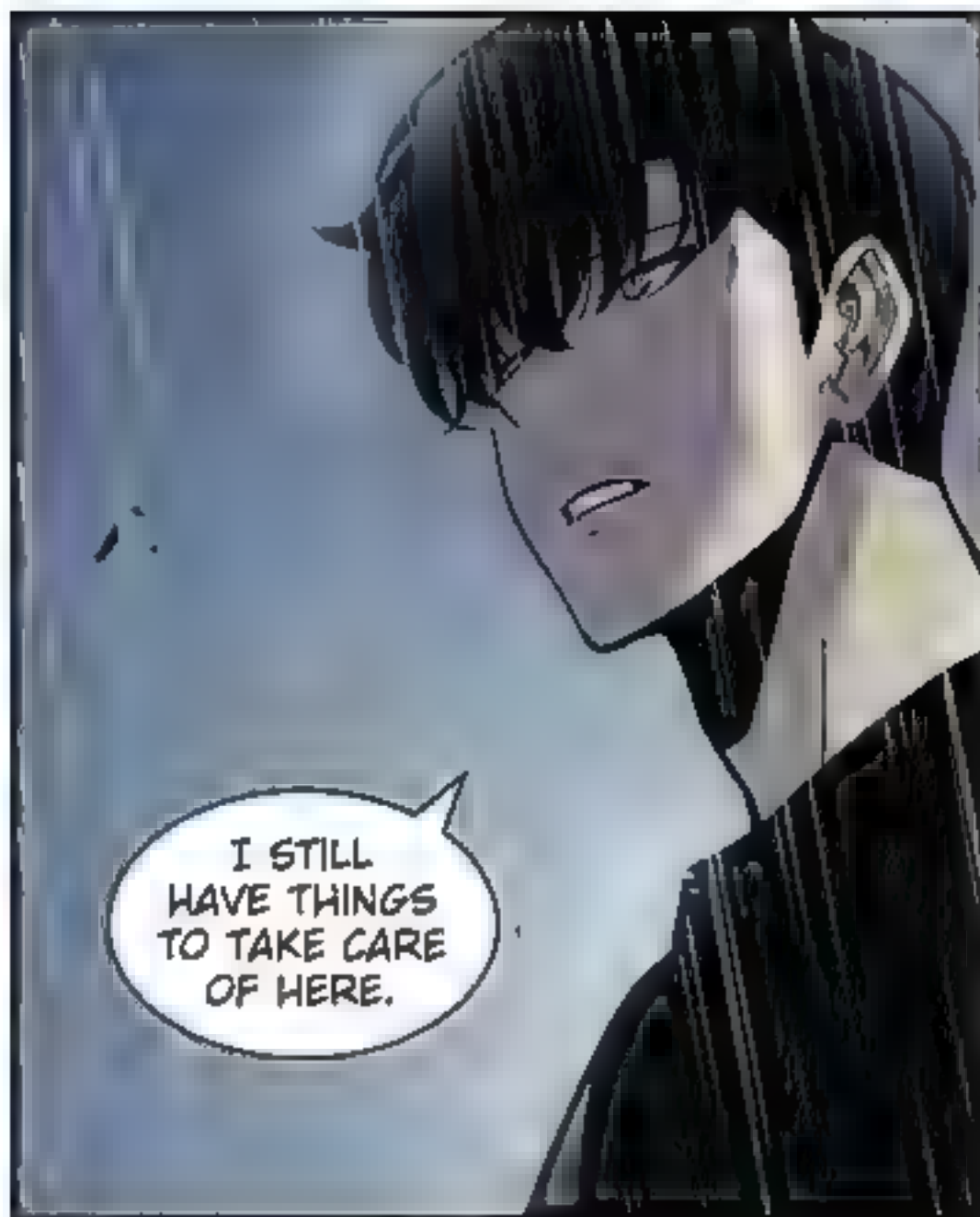
...TO BATTLE
AGAIN.



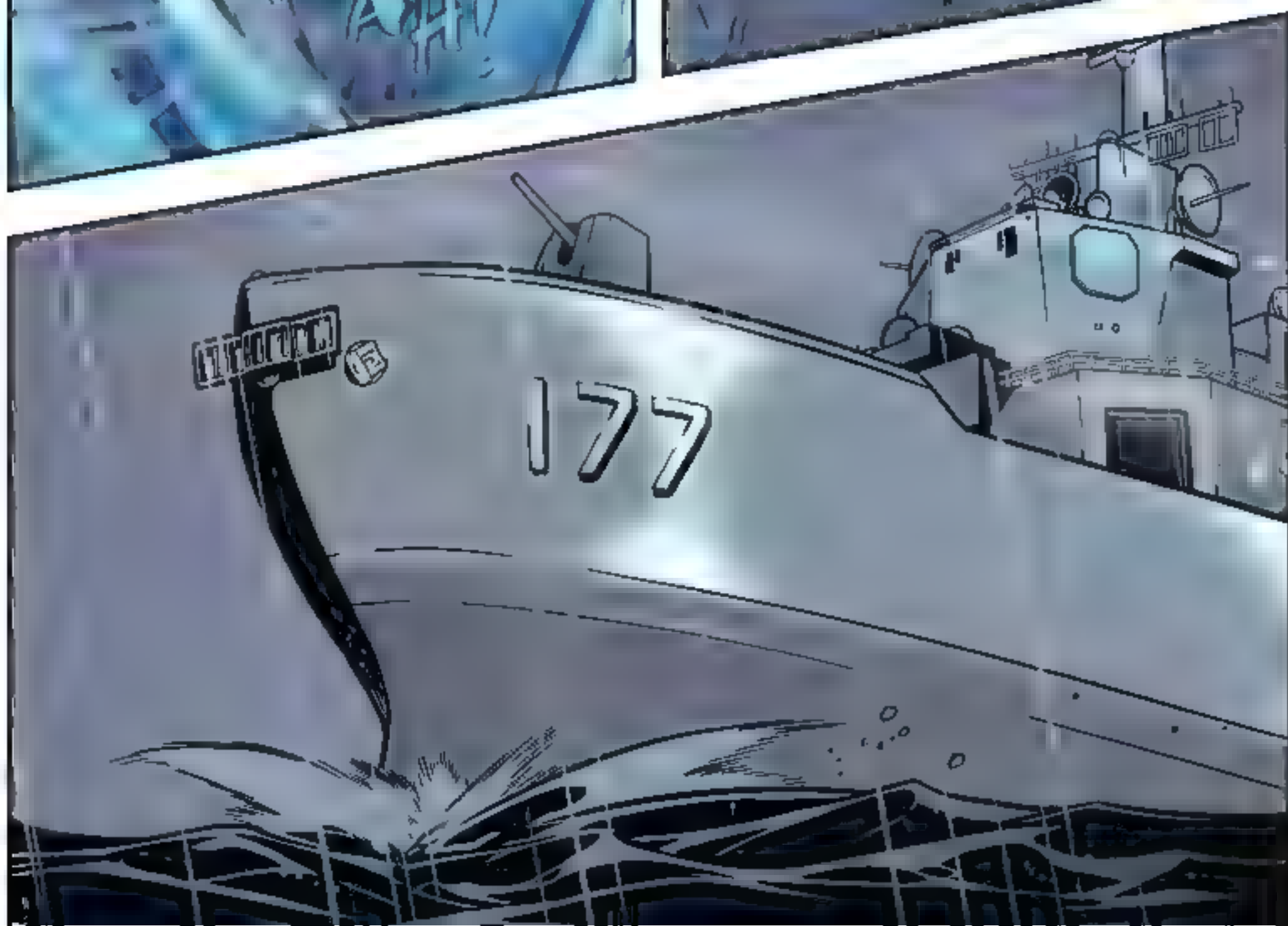














<It...
It was a
monster.>

<You guys
didn't see it,
so you don't
know...>



<Mr.
Goto...>

<I saw
Mr. Goto get
killed by that
bastard...!>

<We can't
win. This raid
has failed.>

<No hunter
can defeat that
monst—>

<You
needn't
worry.>

<The
Jezu Island
raid...is
over.>

<That
magic beast
is dead.>





<N-no way!>

<.>

<We've received confirmation from the Korean headquarters.>



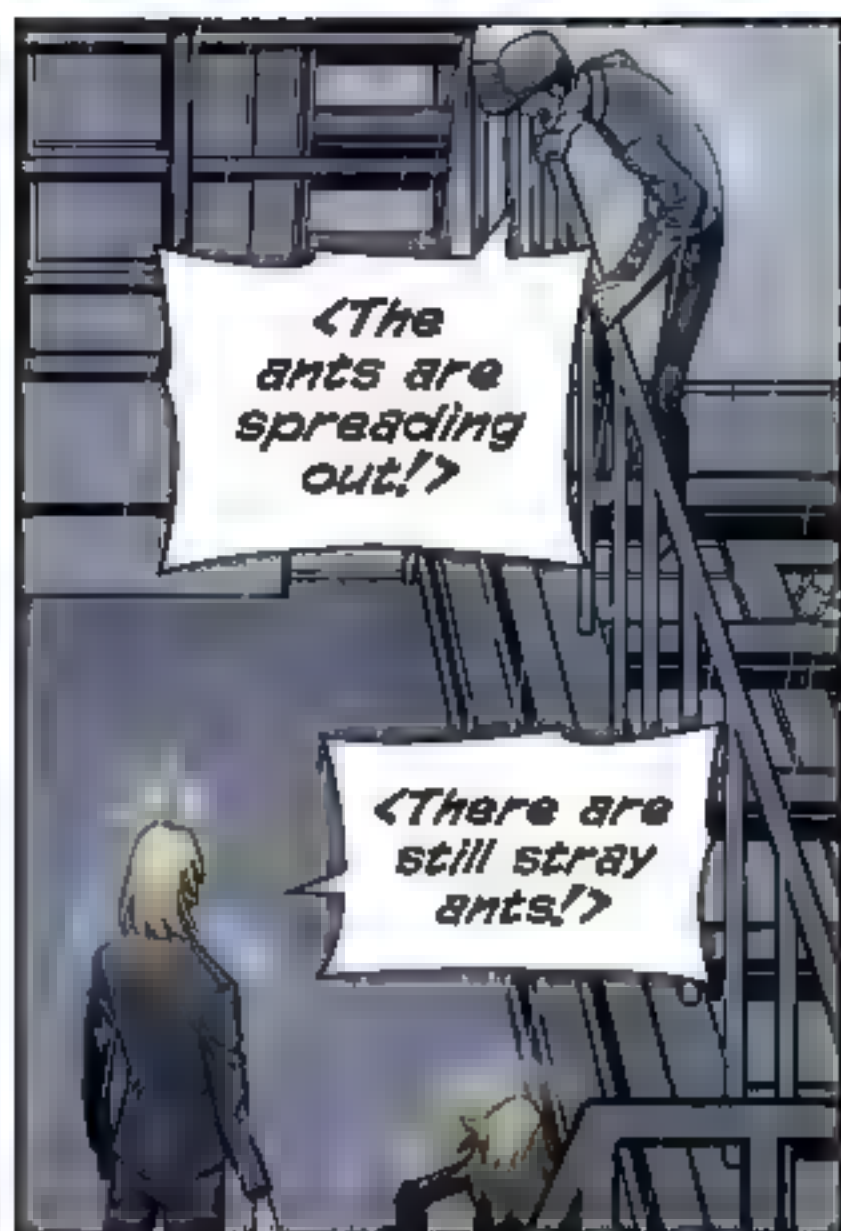
<Mr. Sukimoto... There's an incredible hunter here in Korea.>

<Ha-ha. They can't be better than you, surely?>

<Well... I'm not so sure.>

<What's the hunter's name?>

<Jinwoo Sung...>

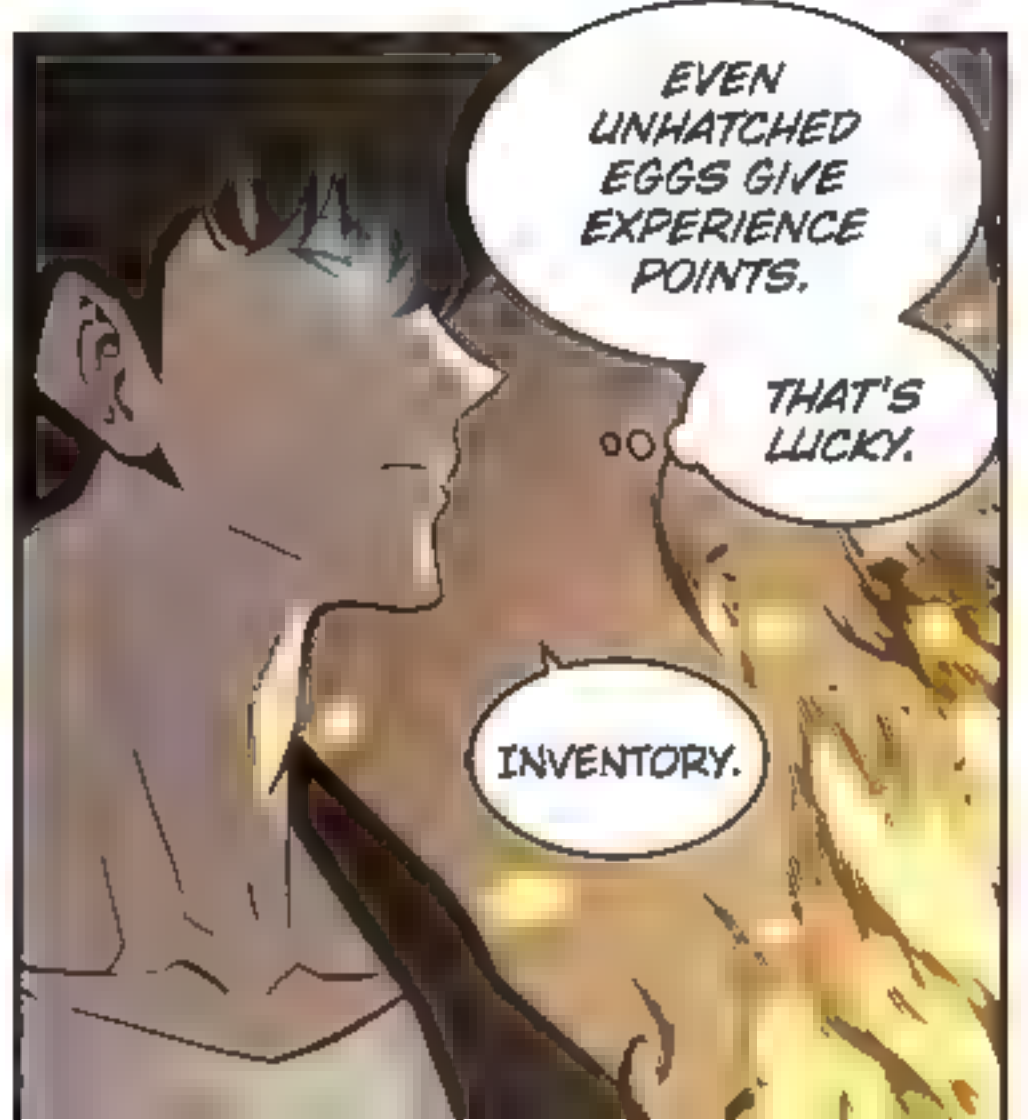
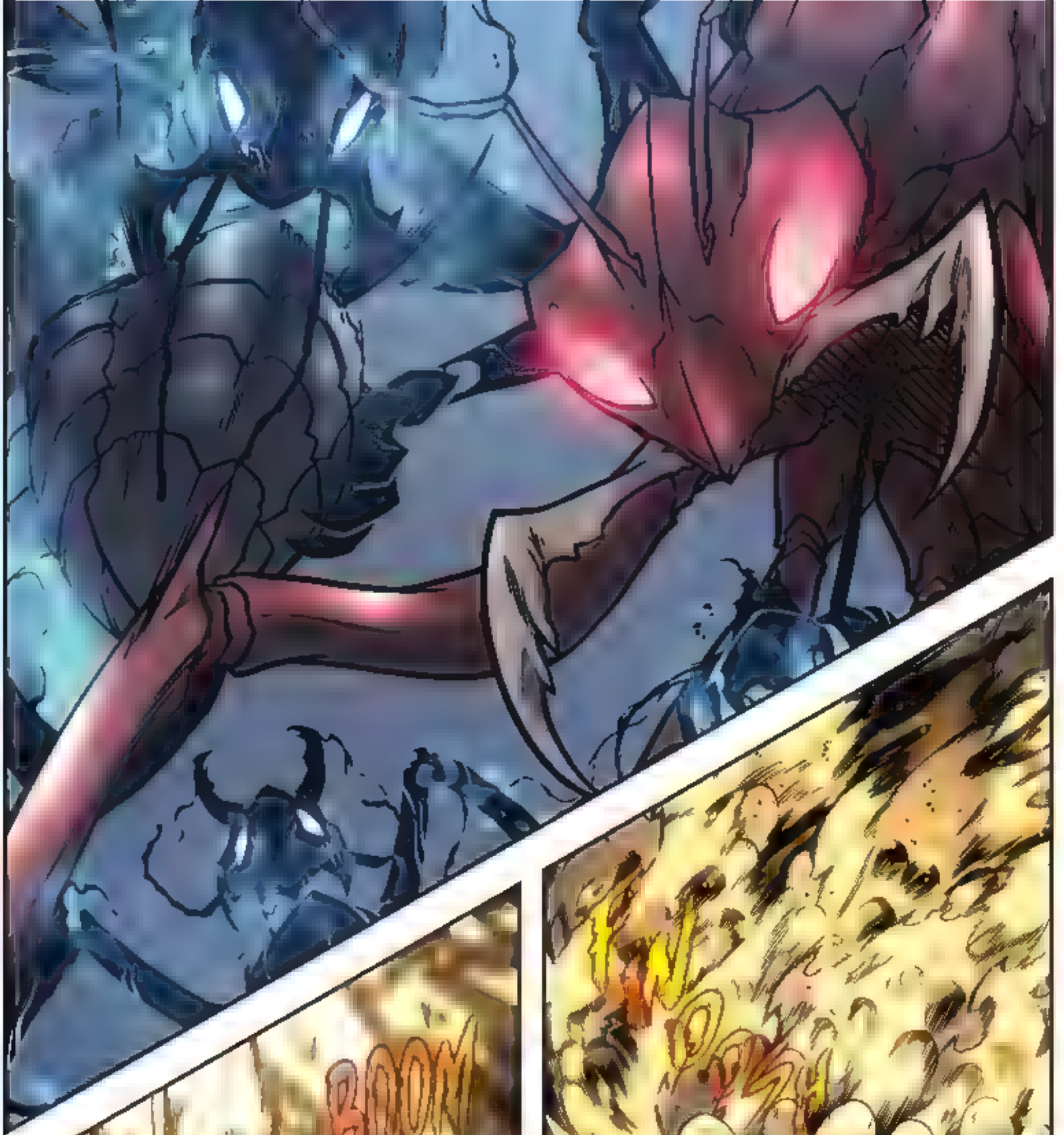


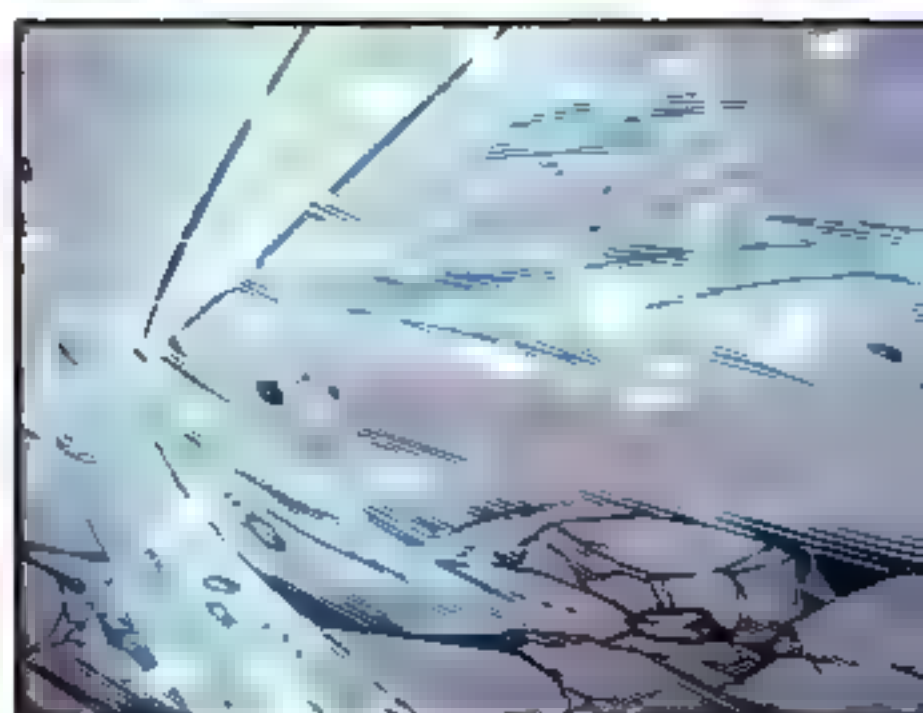
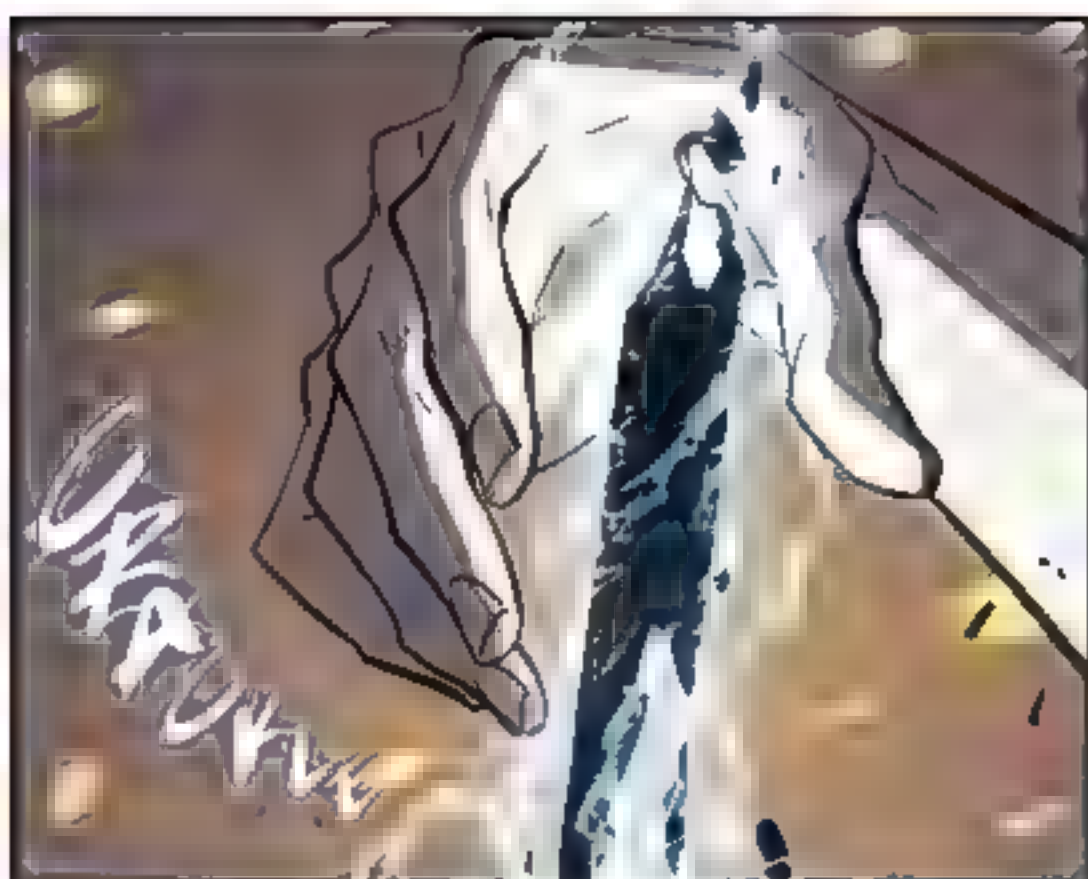
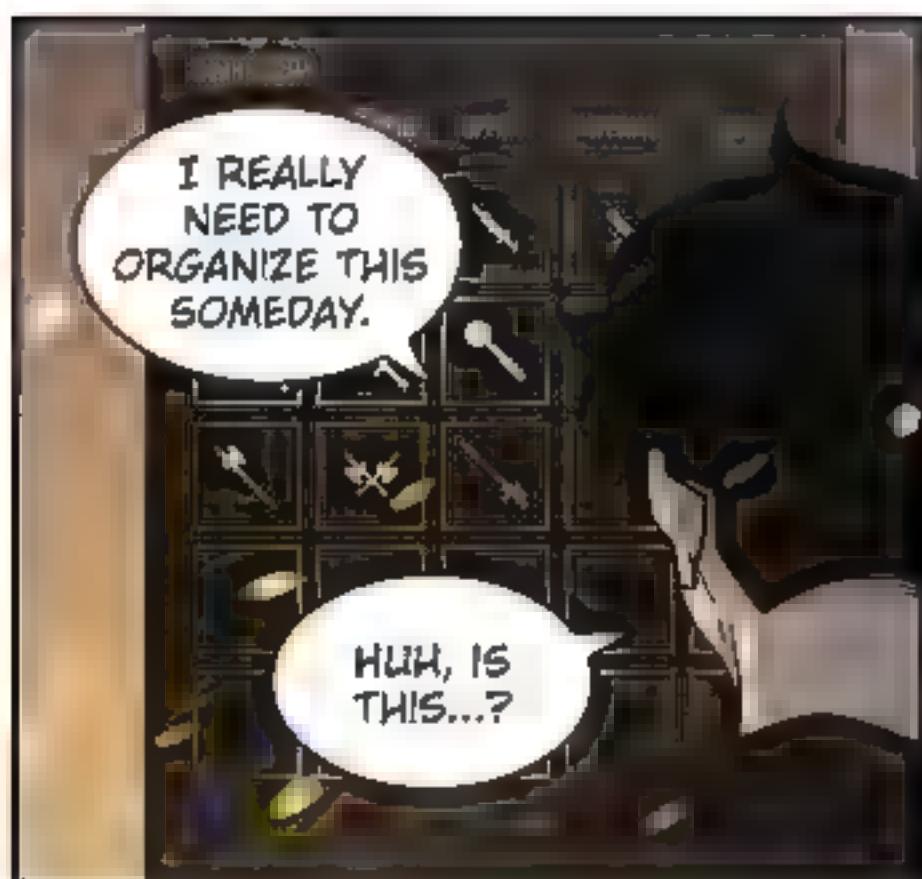
<The ants are spreading out!>

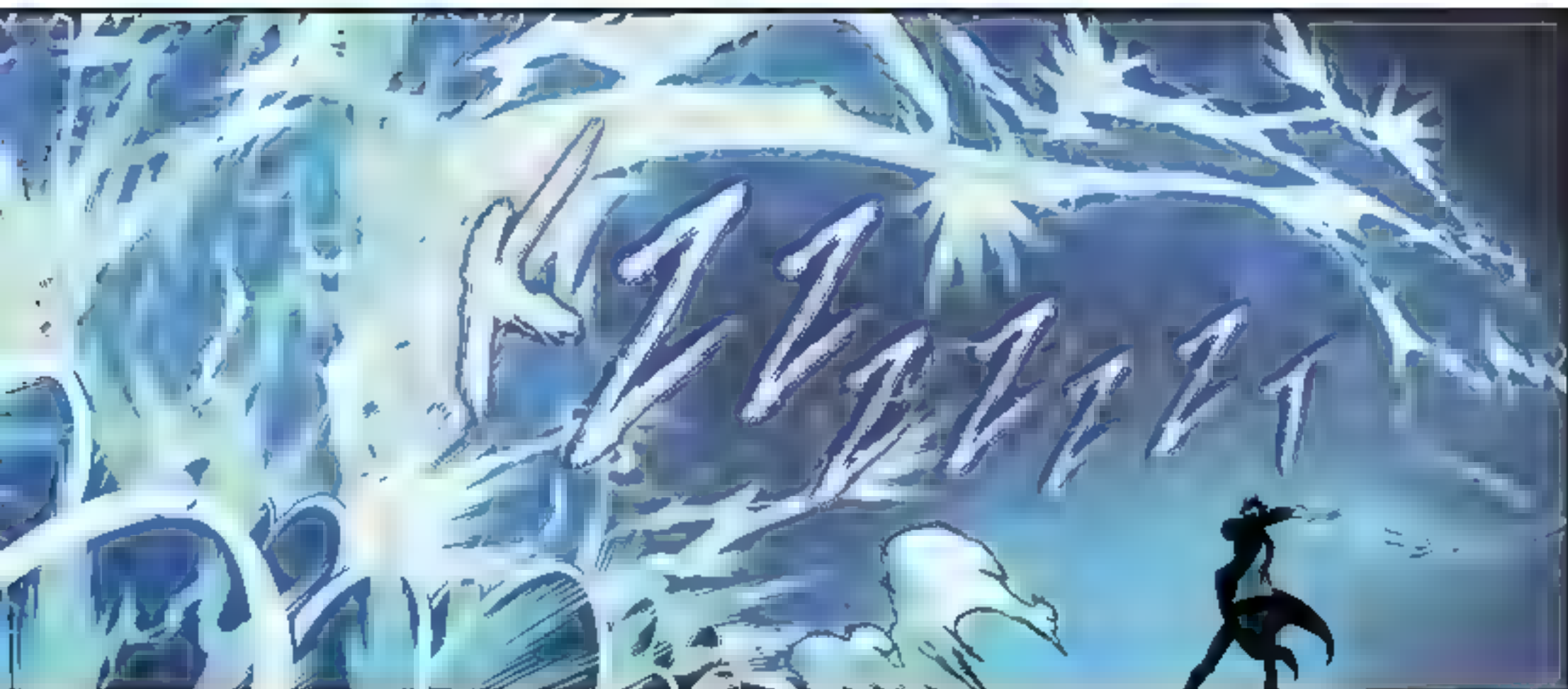
<There are still stray ants!>



<Everyone, prepare for battle!>

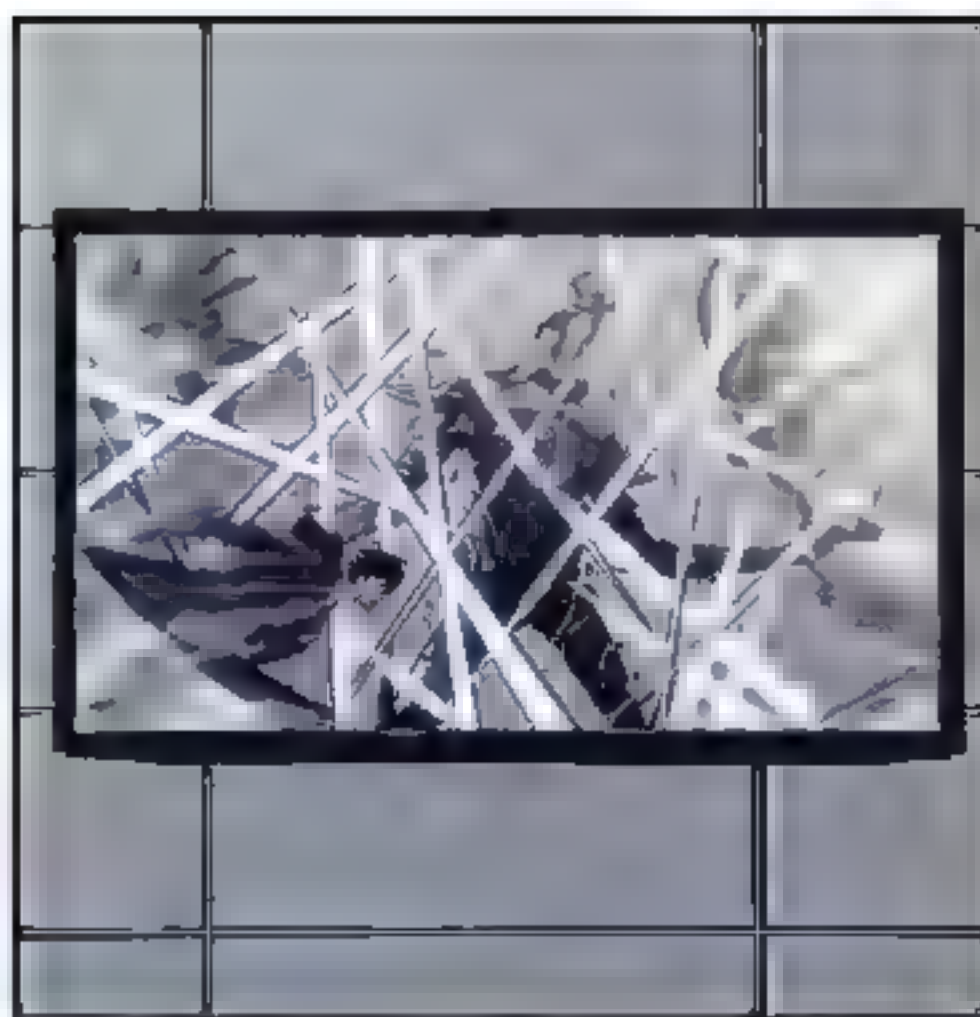






OH...IT'S A
WASTE TO JUST
LET THIS SIT IN
MY INVENTORY,
ISN'T IT?

MAYBE I'LL
TAKE CARE OF
THE REST WITH
THIS.





«Is there anything to say? You're here at this hour because you knew how I'd react.»



«A hunter who can control several hundred minions.»

«He's an outstanding talent.»

«It's a waste to let him stay in a small country like South Korea.»



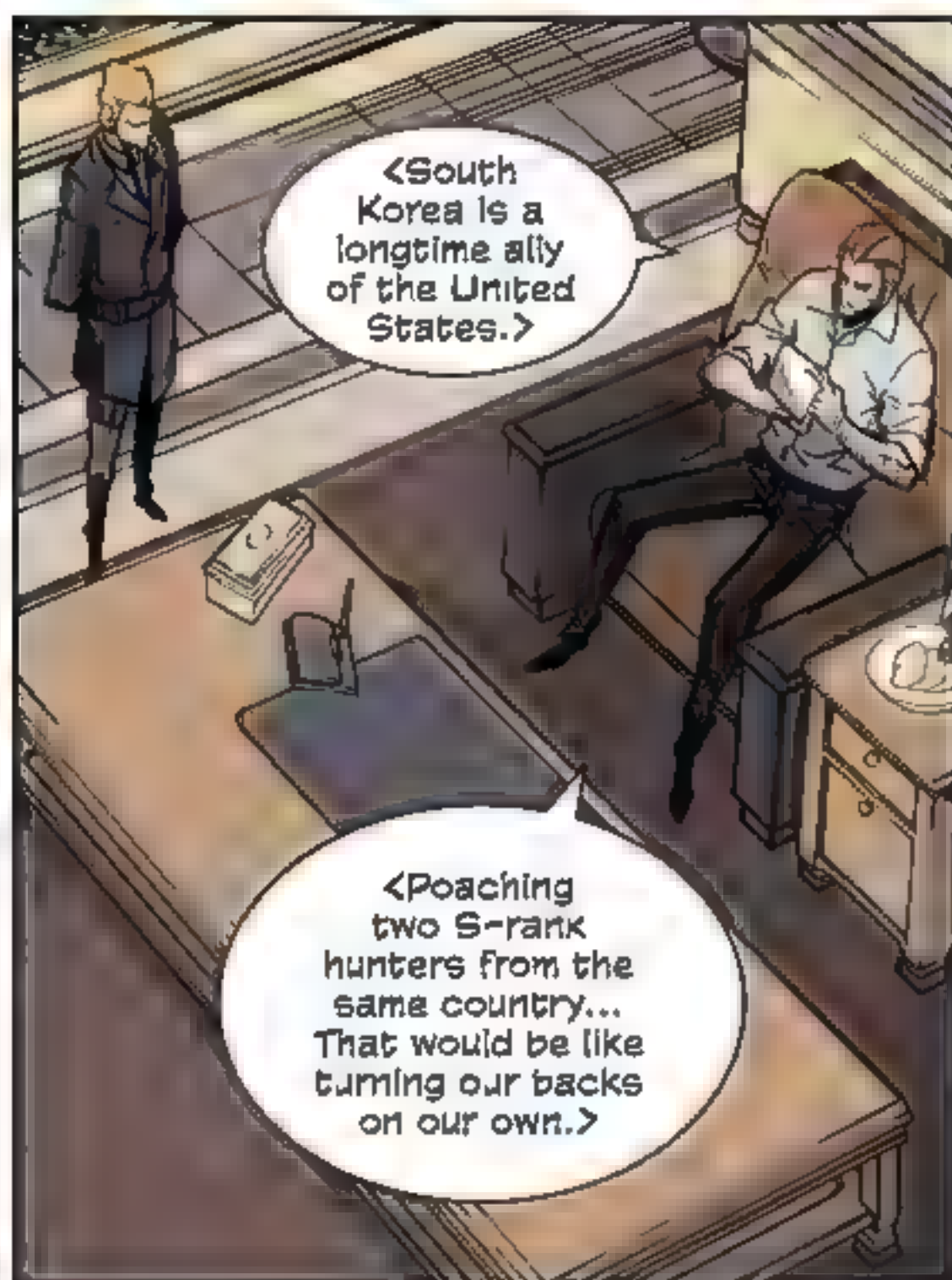
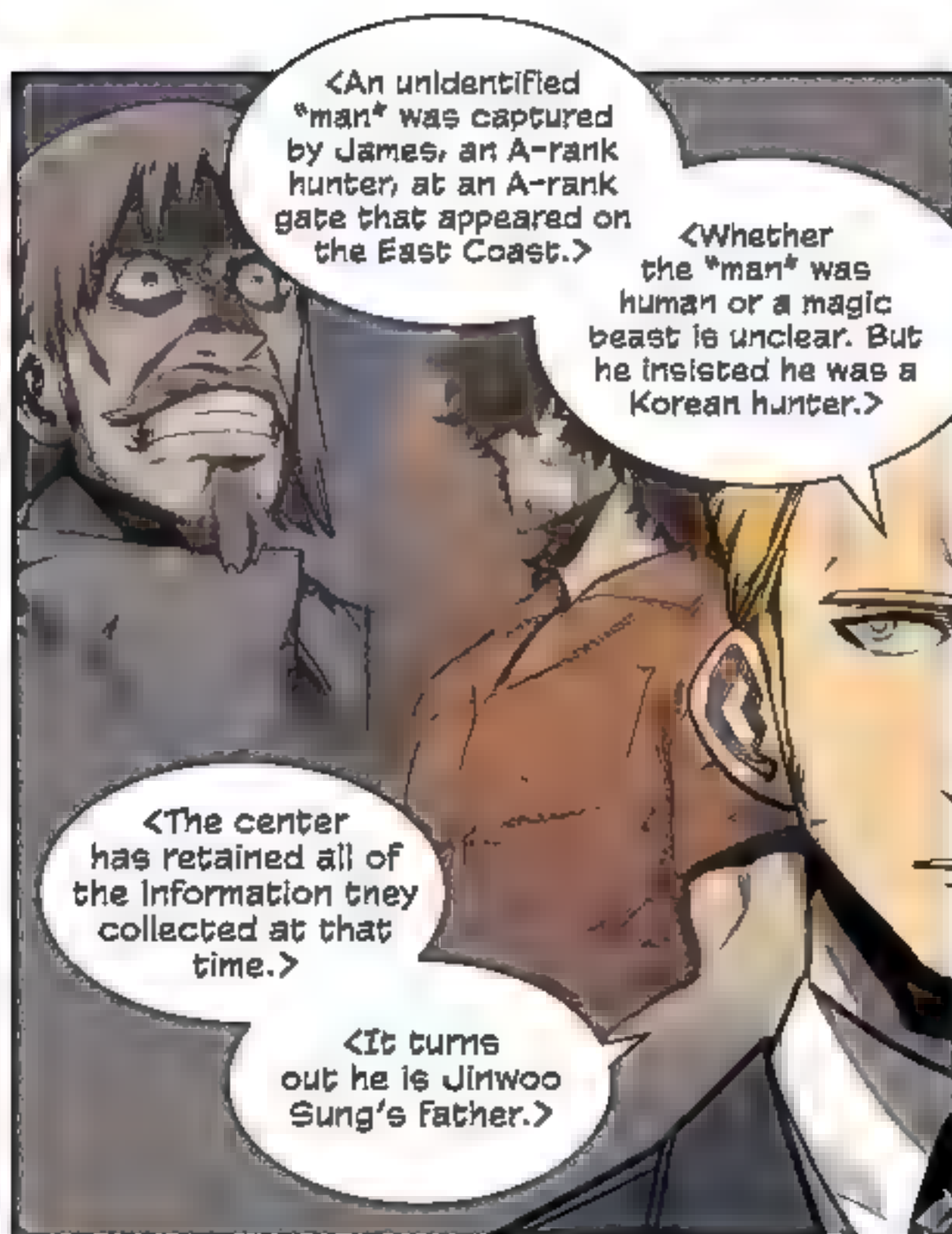
«I agree.»

«What else do we know about him?»



«The explosion at the Hunter Command Center.»

«The so-called "Ilhwan Sung Incident."»





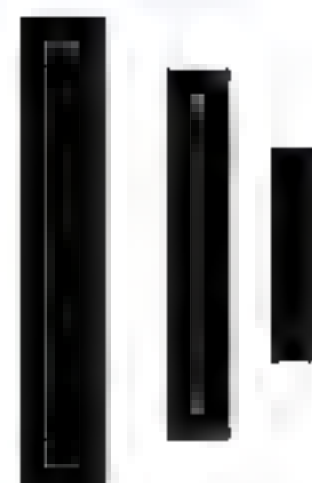
<.....>



<Can you
make it
happen?>

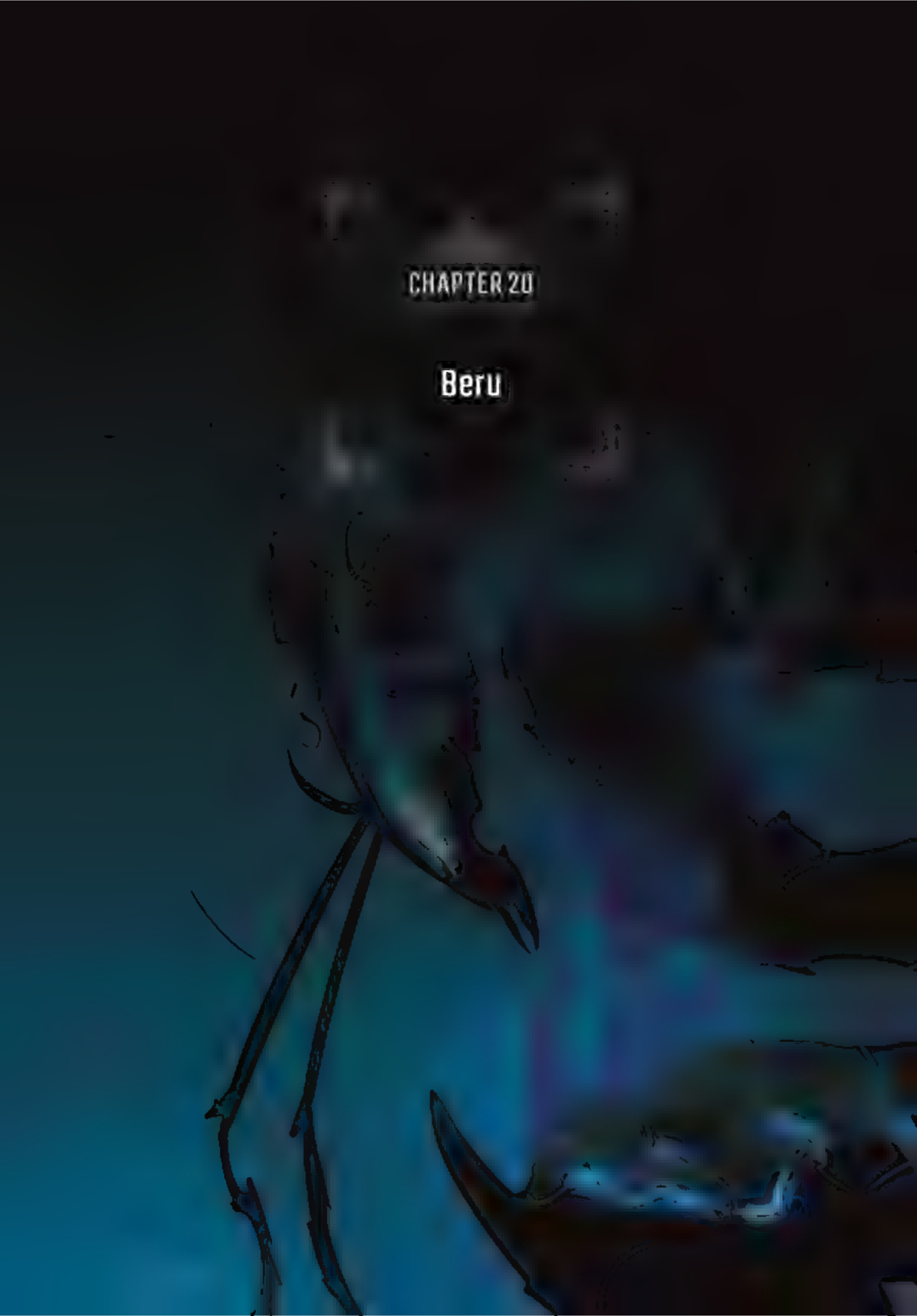


<I'll do my
best.>

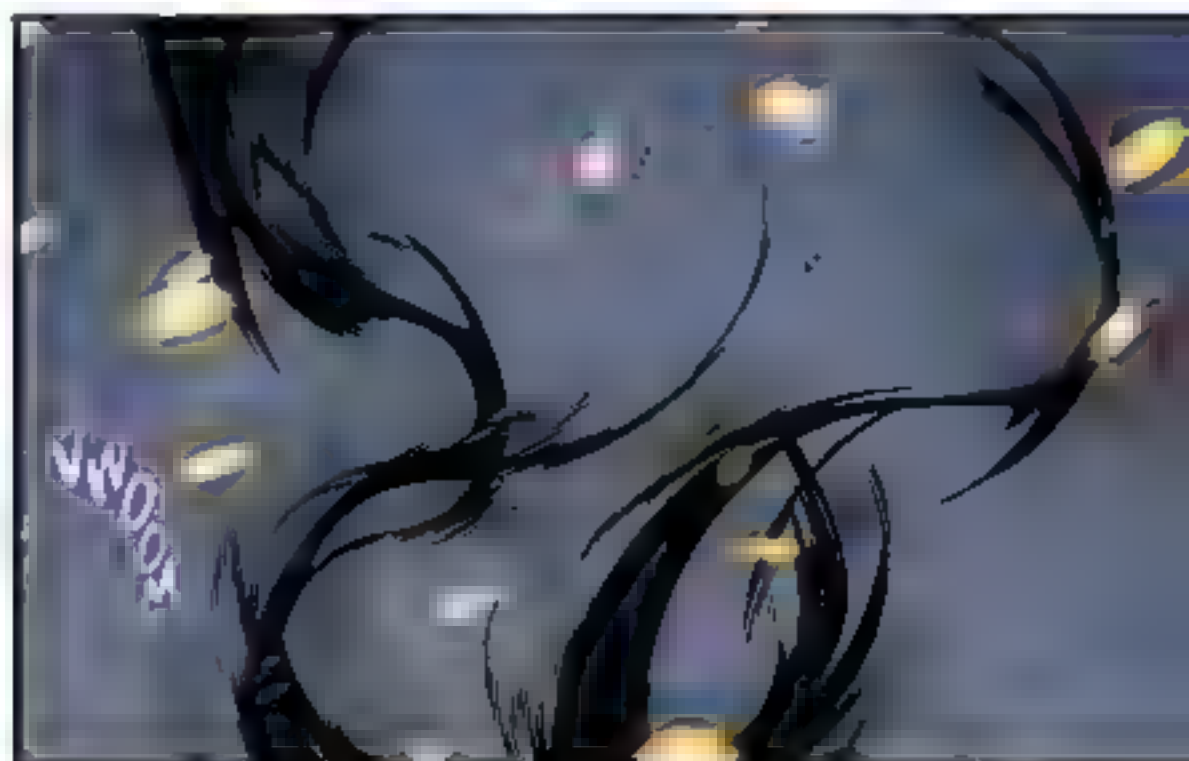


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Beru

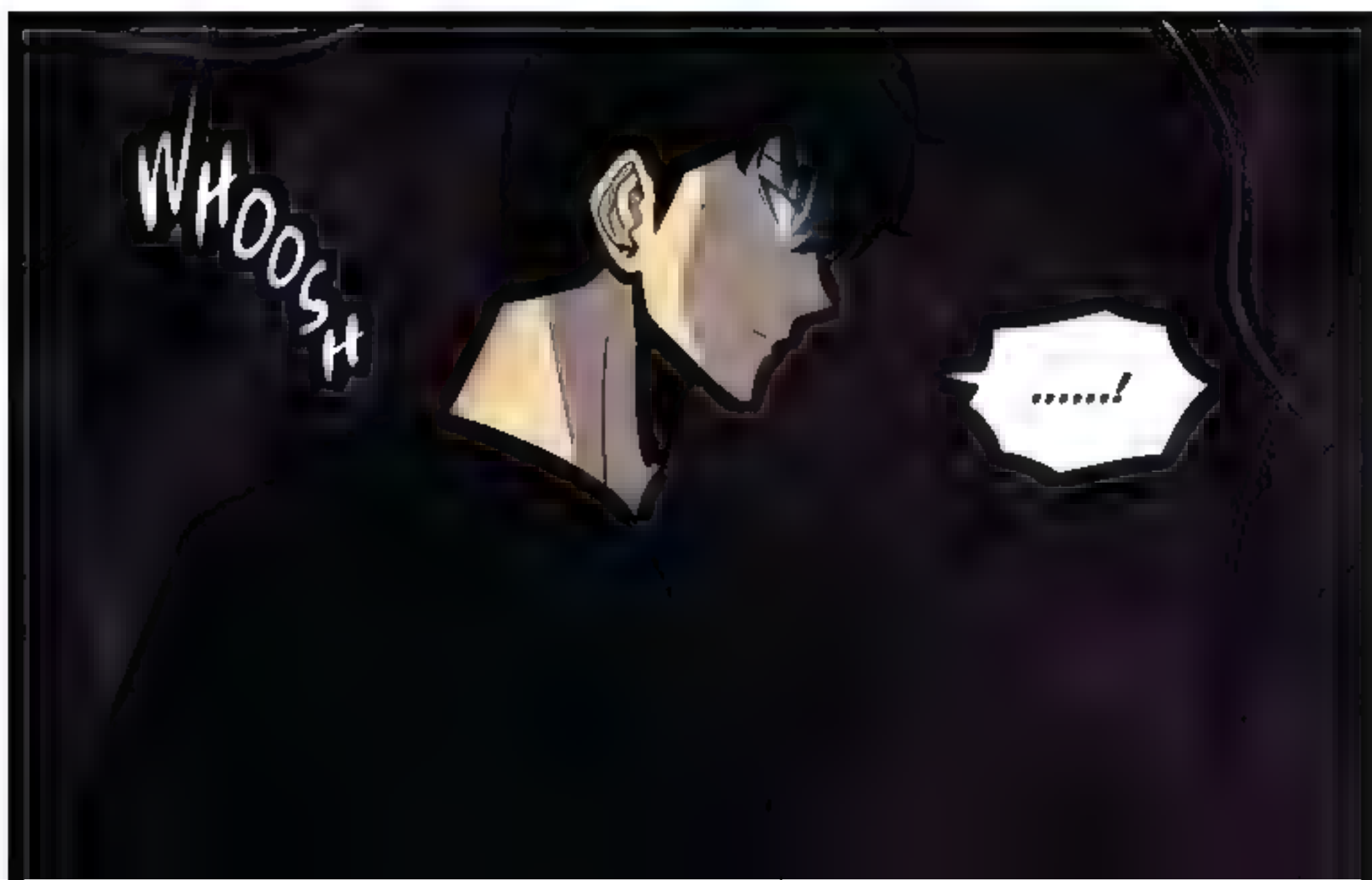
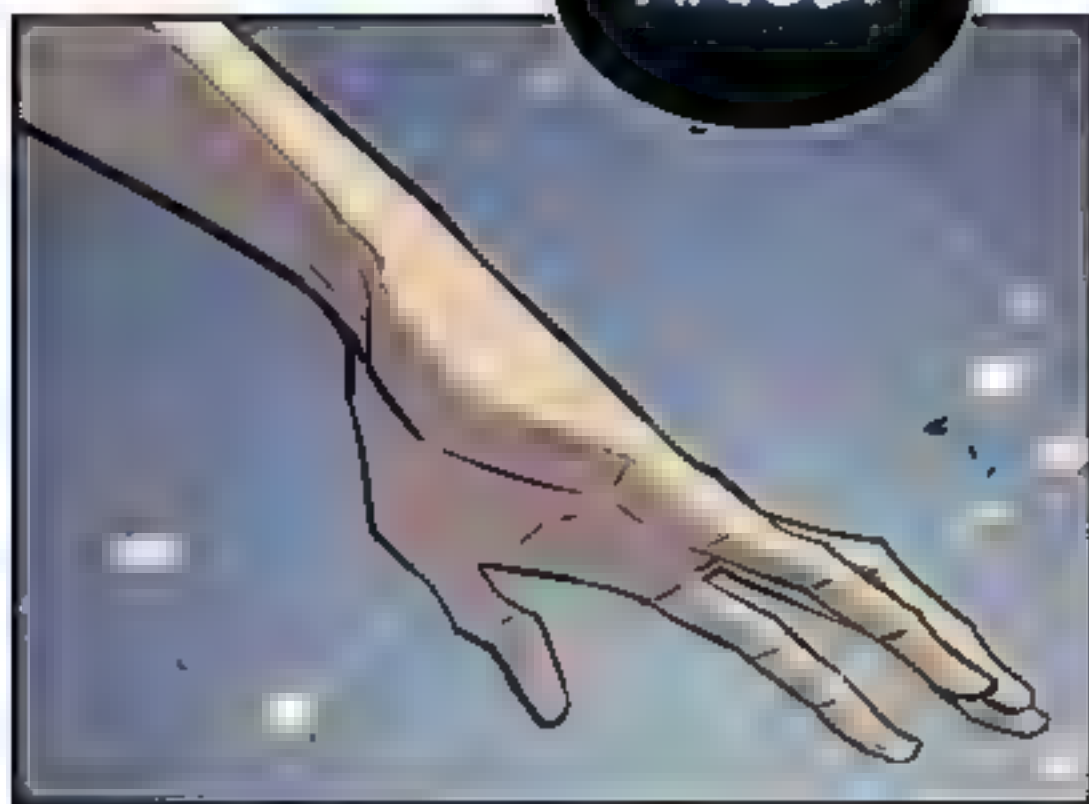


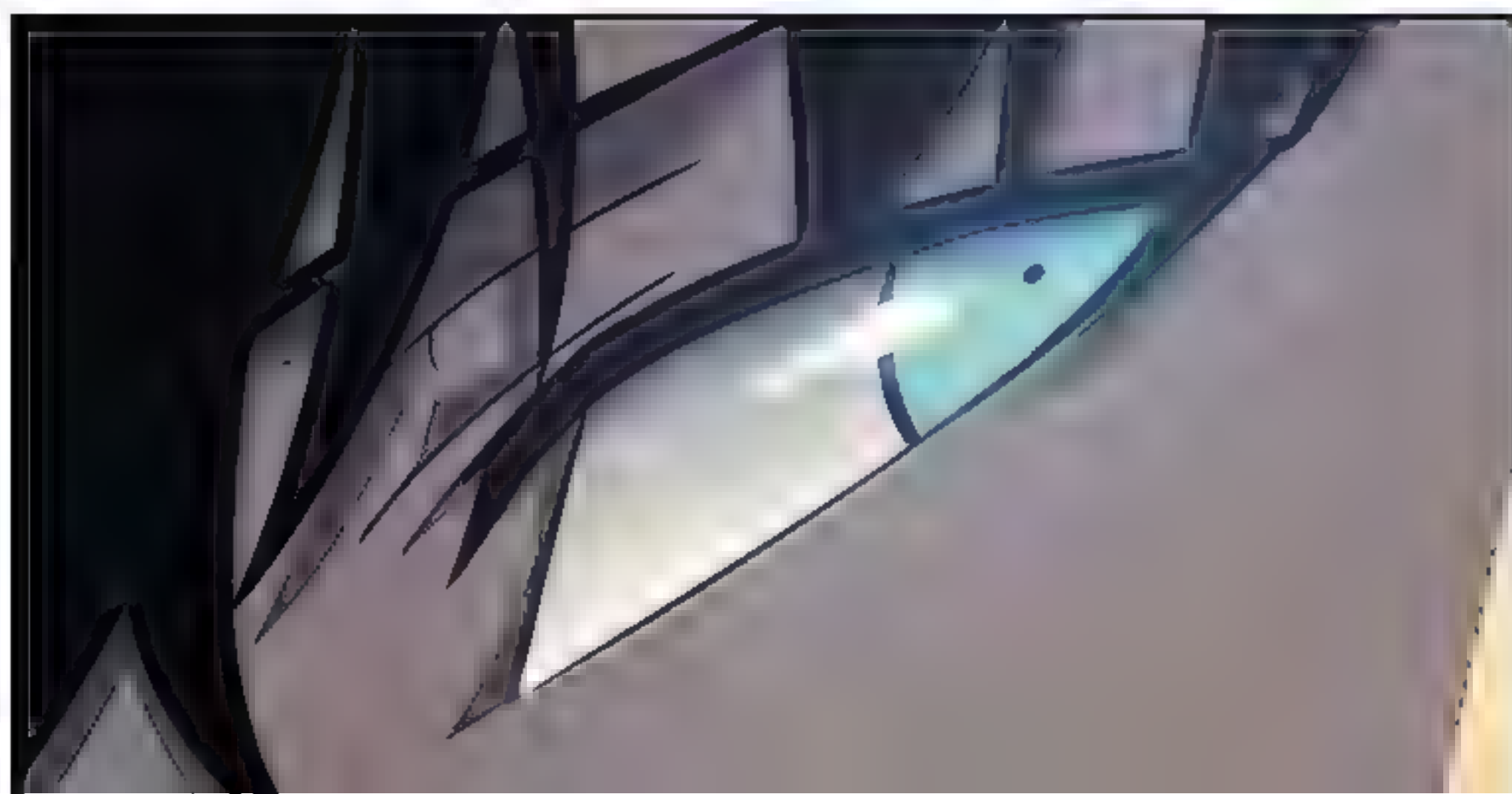
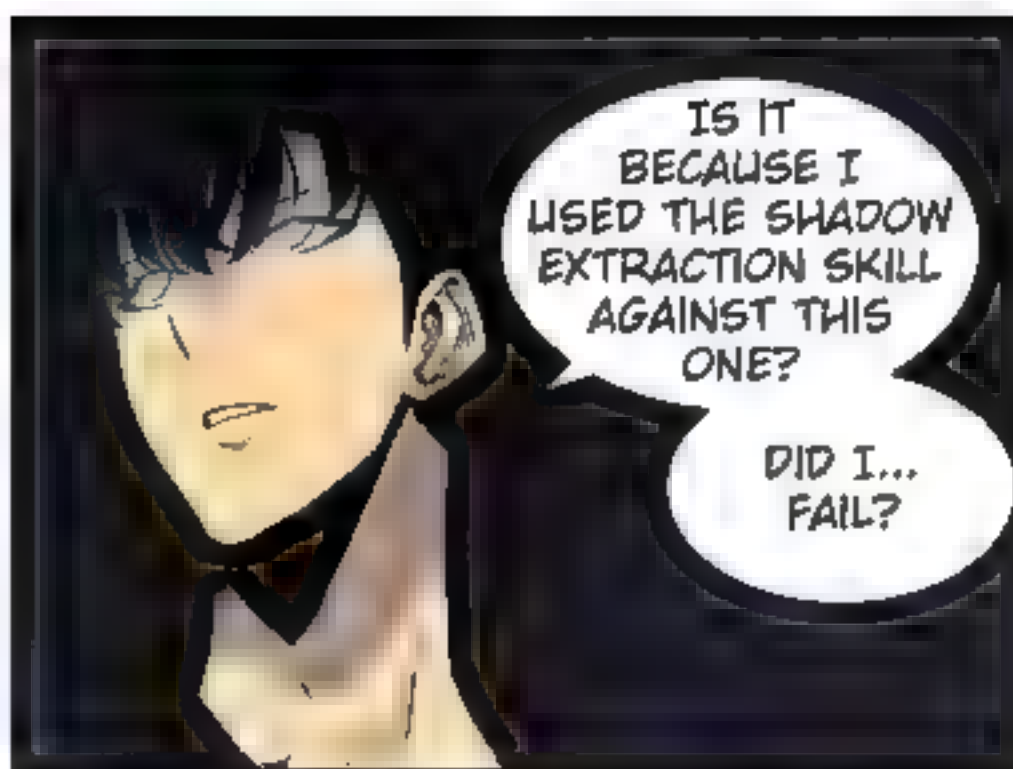
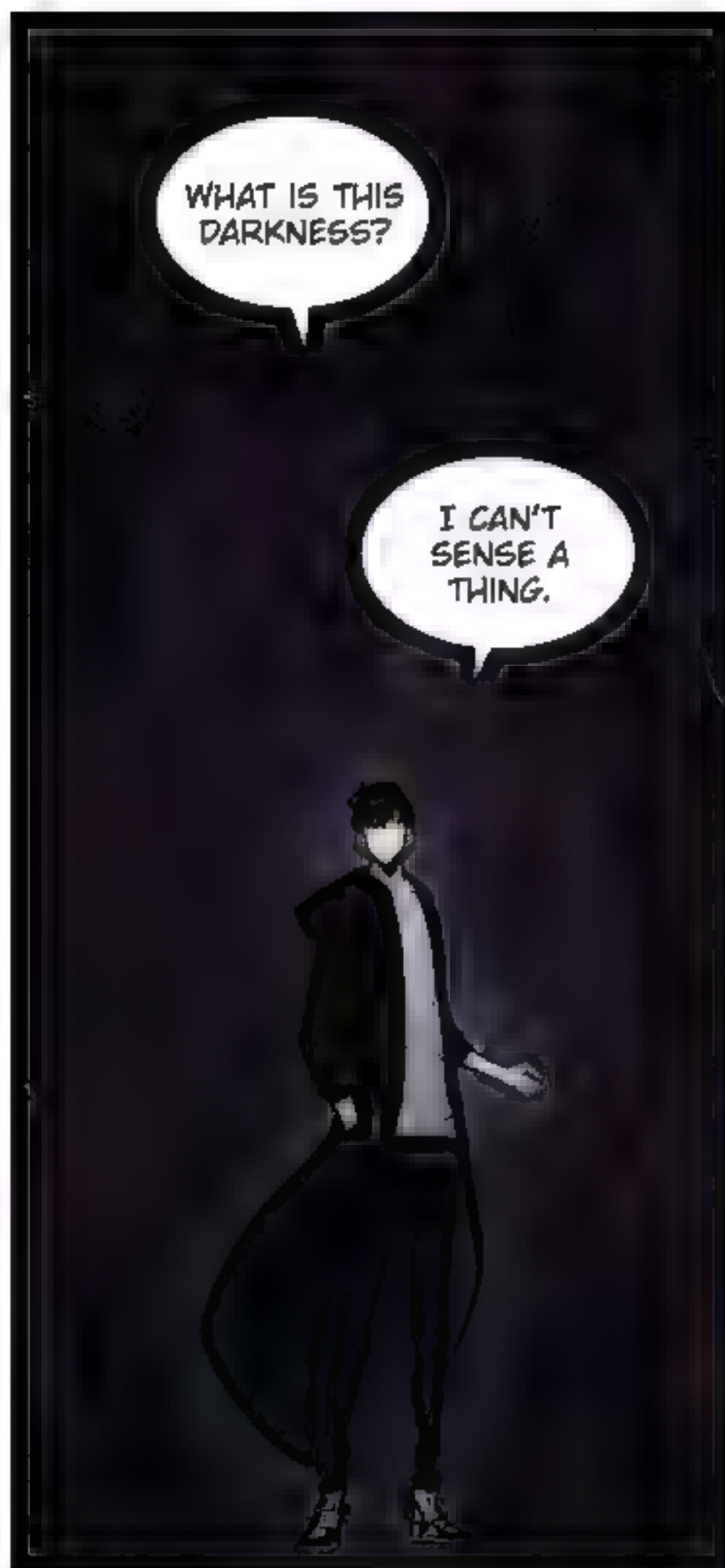
Solo
Leveling





ARISE.



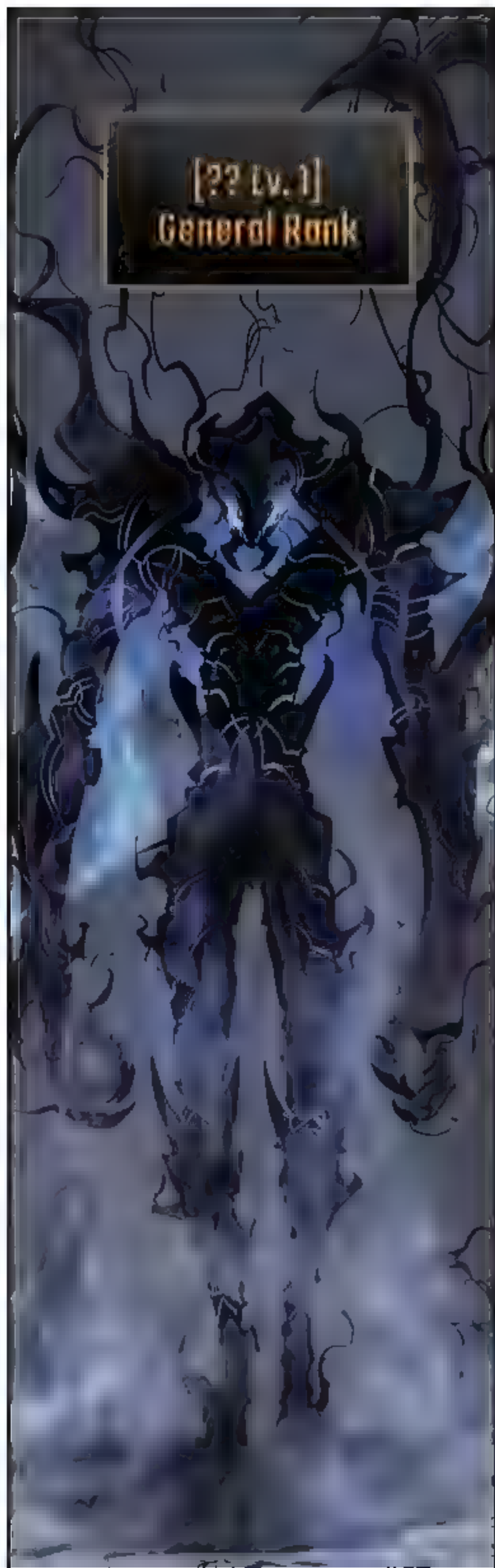


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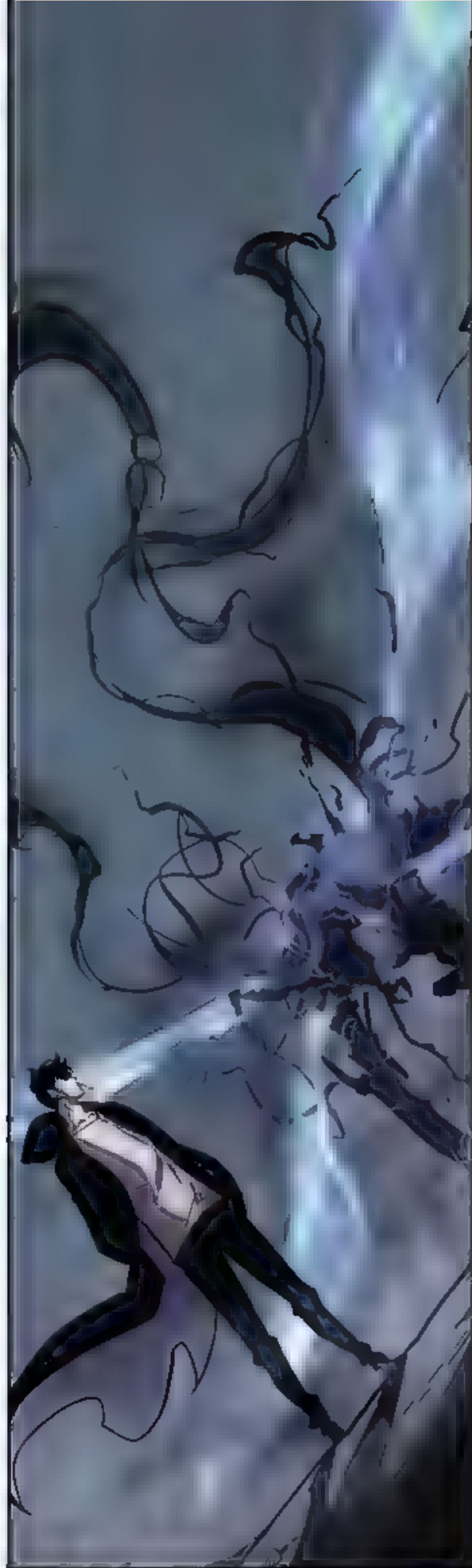
VWOM



I THOUGHT
I FAILED.



[?? Lv. 1]
General Rank





I'VE
NEVER SEEN
THAT RANK
BEFORE.

REGULAR,
ELITE, KNIGHT,
ELITE KNIGHT...SO
GENERAL RANK
COMES NEXT?

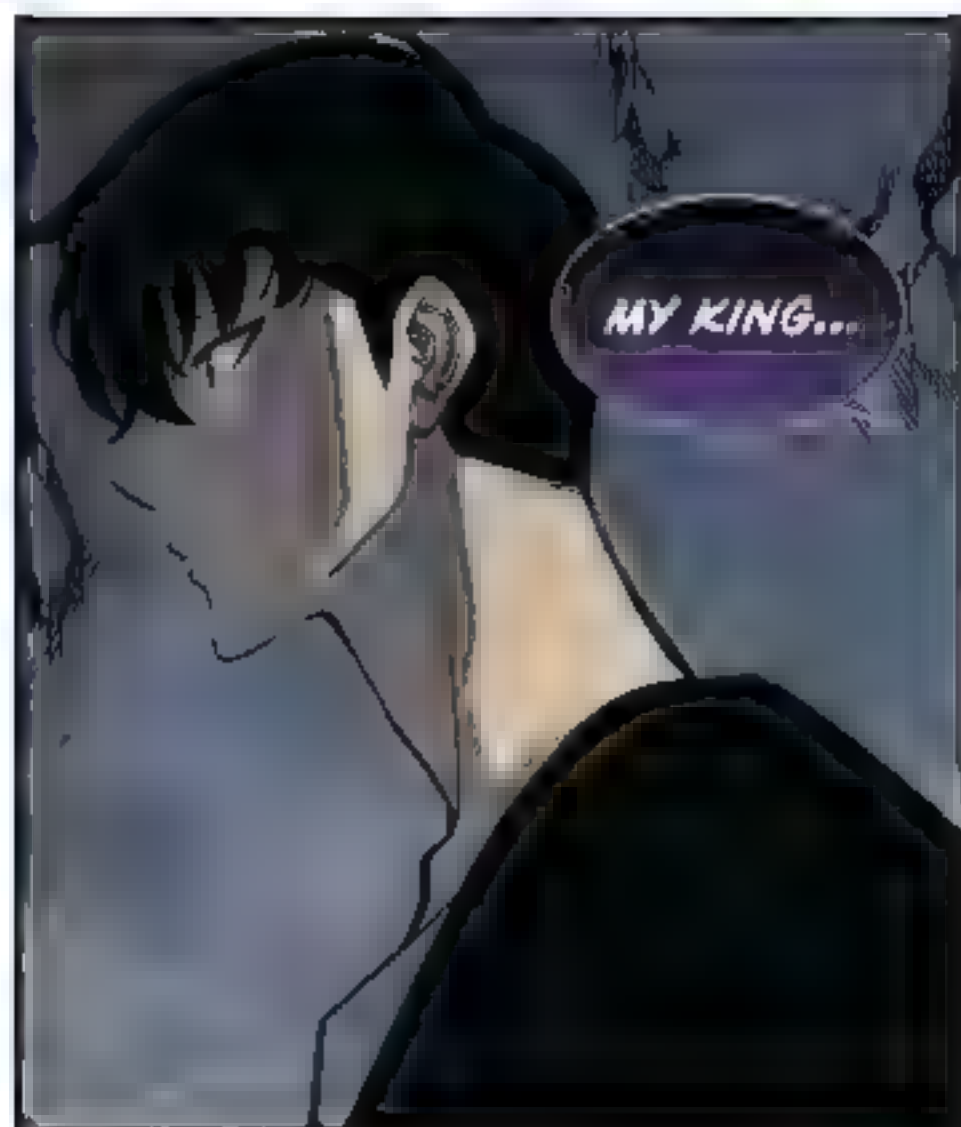


WHICH MEANS
THIS SOLDIER IS ON
A WHOLE DIFFERENT
LEVEL THAN MY
OTHER SOLDIERS.

CONSIDERING
HIS ABILITIES WHEN
HE WAS ALIVE, THAT
MAKES SENSE.



NEXT
UP IS THE
QUEE—



MY KING...



PLEASE
GRANT
ME...

...A
NAME...



LIKE THE OTHER
SOLDIERS, THIS
ONE POSSESSES
ABSOLUTE
LOYALTY TO ME.

HOW
CAN YOU
TALK?



I
JUST...

...CAN.



HE "JUST
CAN"?

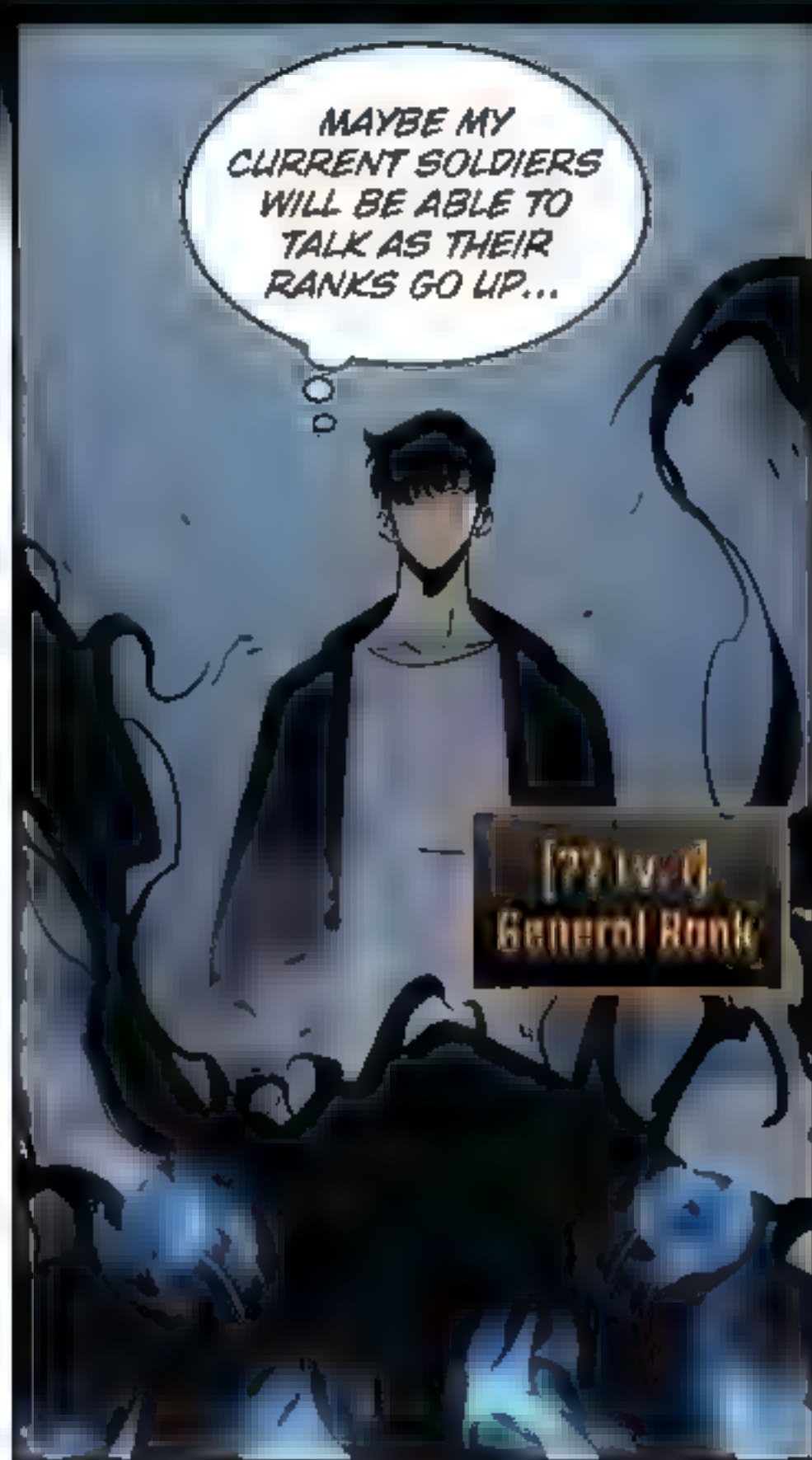
IS HE ABLE
TO SPEAK NOW
BECAUSE HE WAS
ABLE TO SPEAK
BEFORE HE BECAME
MY SOLDIER?

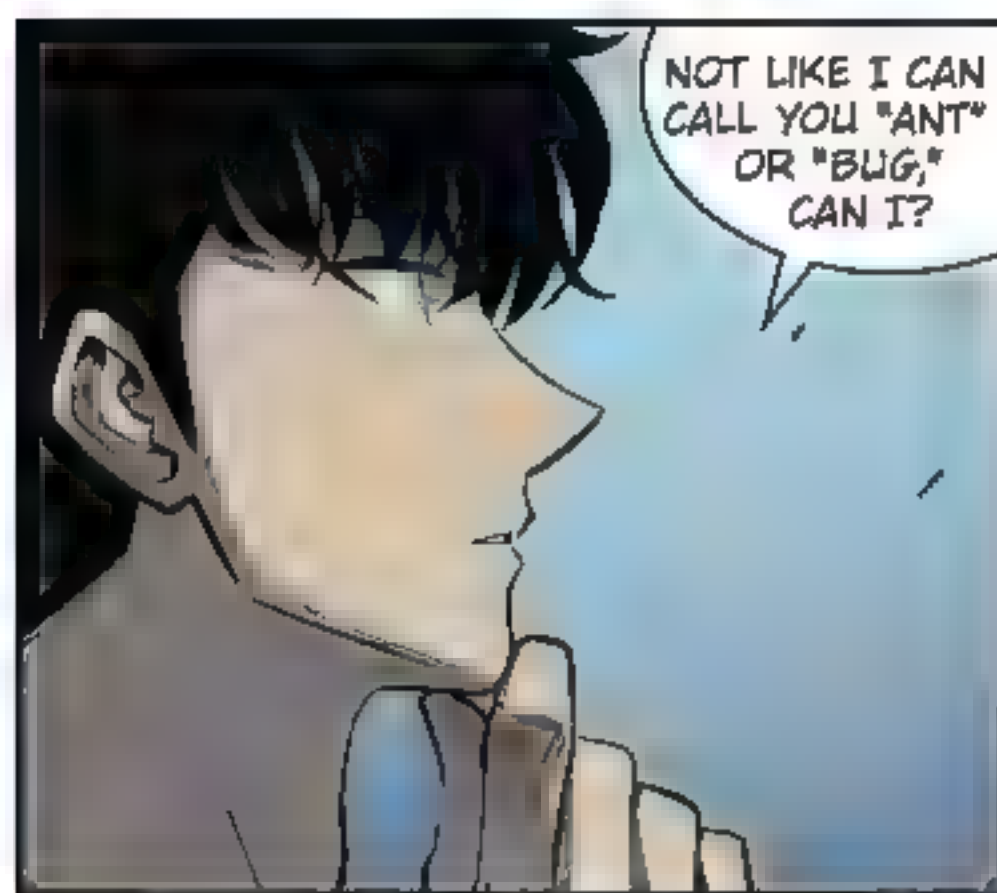


NO, IRON
USED BE HUMAN,
BUT HE HASN'T BEEN
ABLE TO CONVERSE
WITH ME SINCE
BECOMING A SHADOW
SOLDER.

SAME FOR
HUNTER MIN
AND FANG.

THERE IS ONLY
ONE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN HIM AND
THE OTHERS.
RANK.





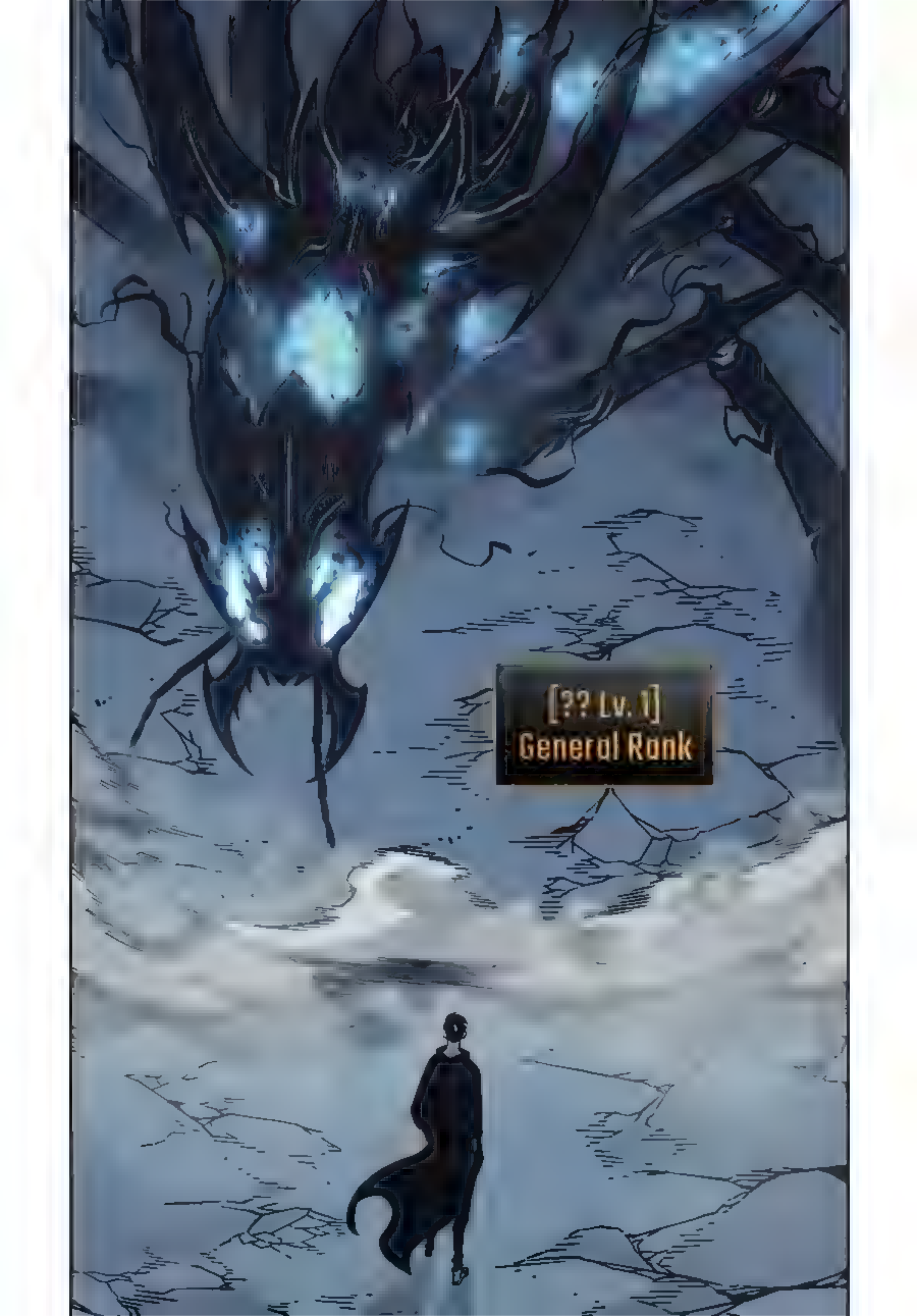
THE NAME OF THAT
FAMOUS AUTHOR
WHO WROTE
EMPIRE OF THE
ANTS JUST POPPED
INTO MY HEAD.

BERU.

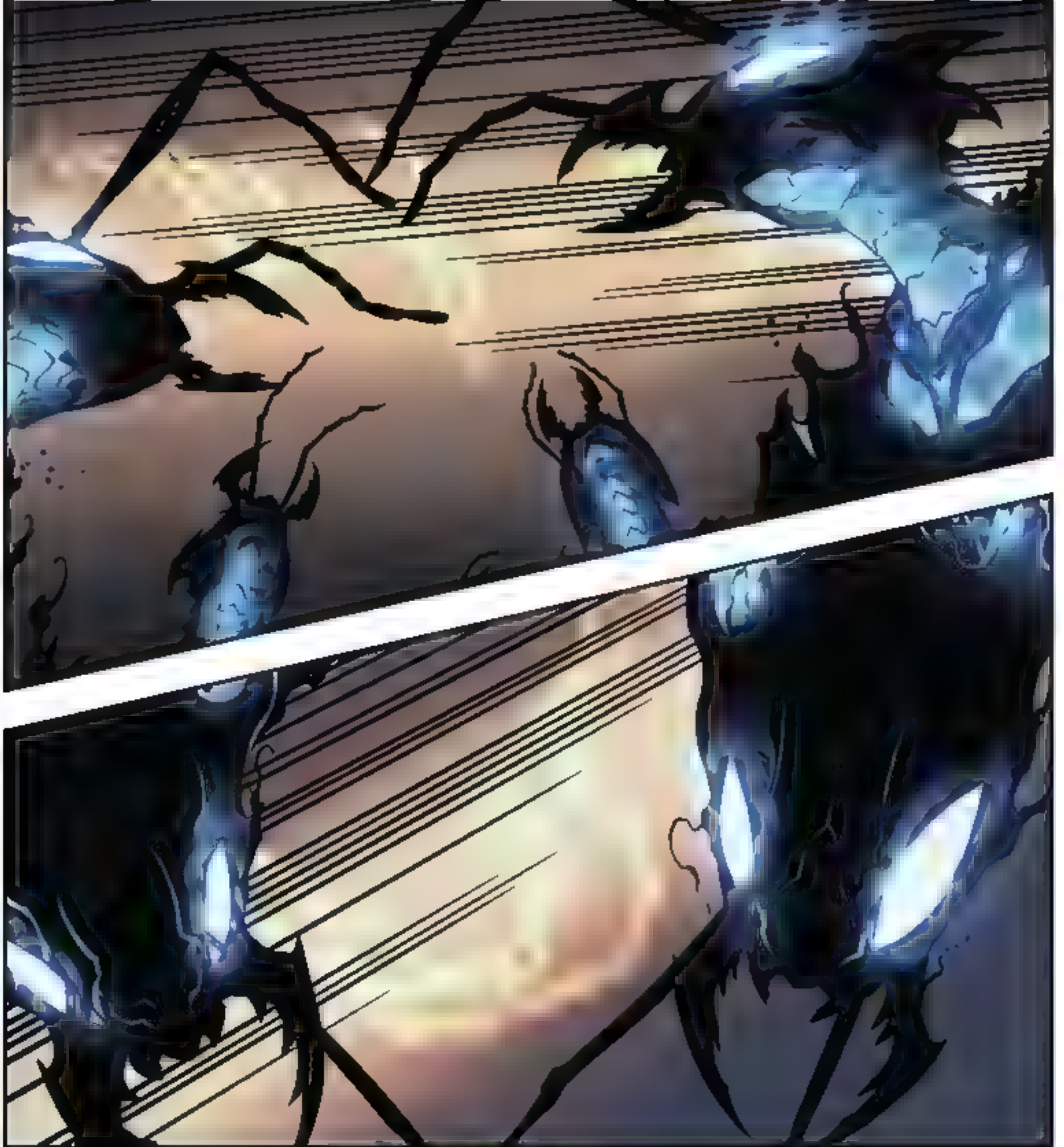
Empire of the Ants (Les Fourmis) is a science fiction novel by Bernard Werber, originally published in France in 1991

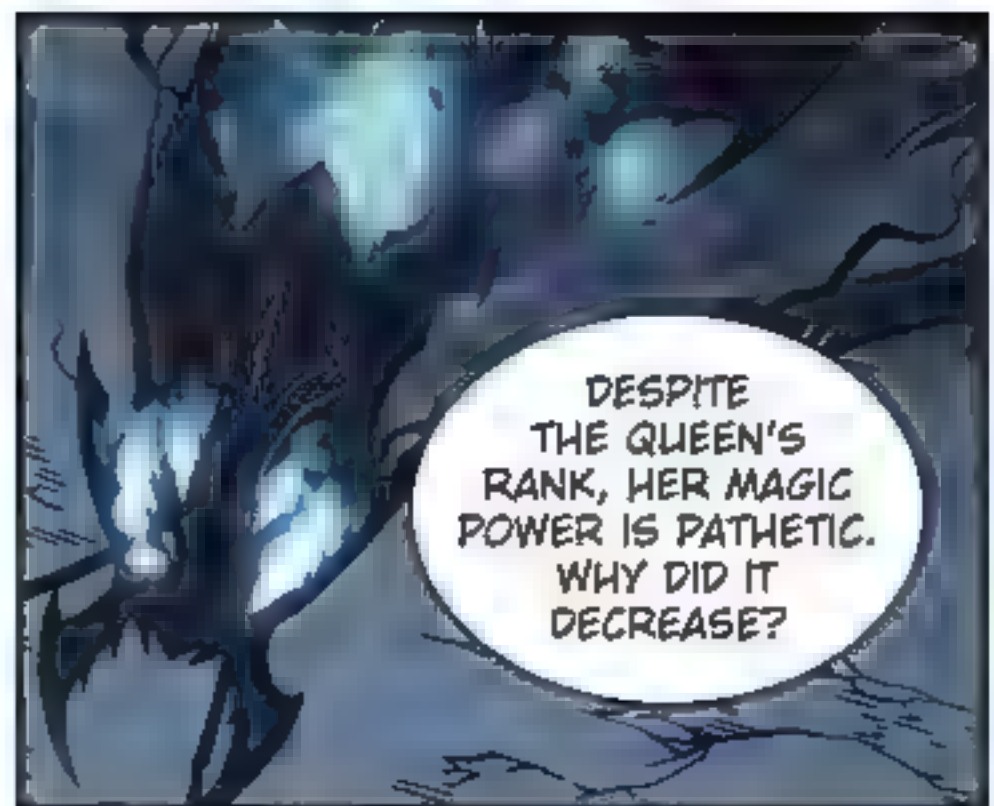
YOUR
NAME IS
BERU.





[?? Lv. 1]
General Rank







YOU
DON'T NEED TWO
LEADERS FOR ONE
ORGANIZATION.

RELEASE.

WHOOOSH



STOP.
DON'T COLLECT
ESSENCE
STONES.

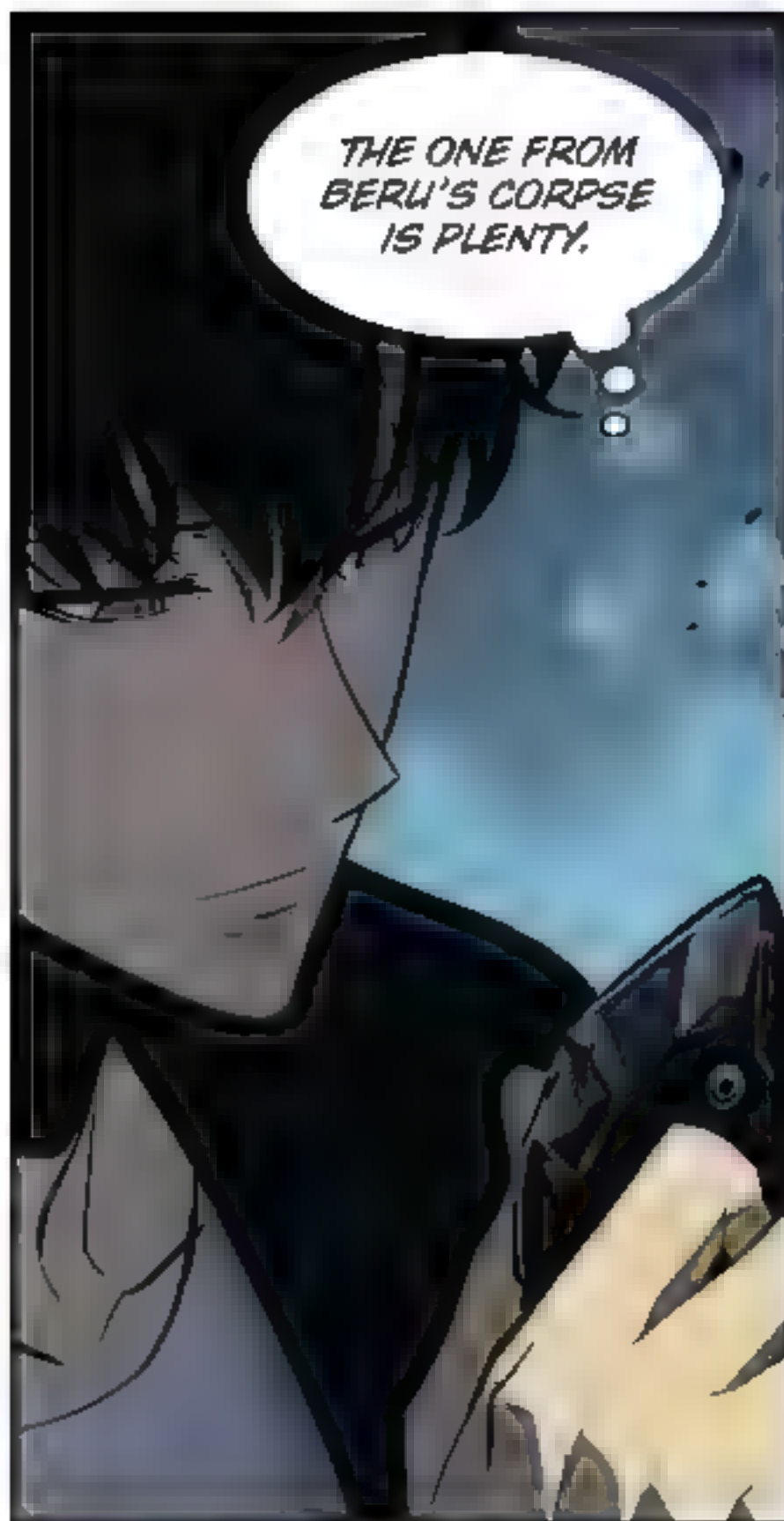
FREEZE



THESE STONES WILL
BE USED TO COMPENSATE
VICTIMS AND RESTORE
JEJU ISLAND.

WE
SHOULDN'T
TOUCH THEM.

CLATTER



THE ONE FROM
BERU'S CORPSE
IS PLENTY.



ANYWAY, THE
PROBLEM IS
THE SURVIVING
ANTS...

CAN I TAKE
CARE OF THE
REST WITH MY
SOLDIERS?

I'LL DO
MY BEST,
BUT...

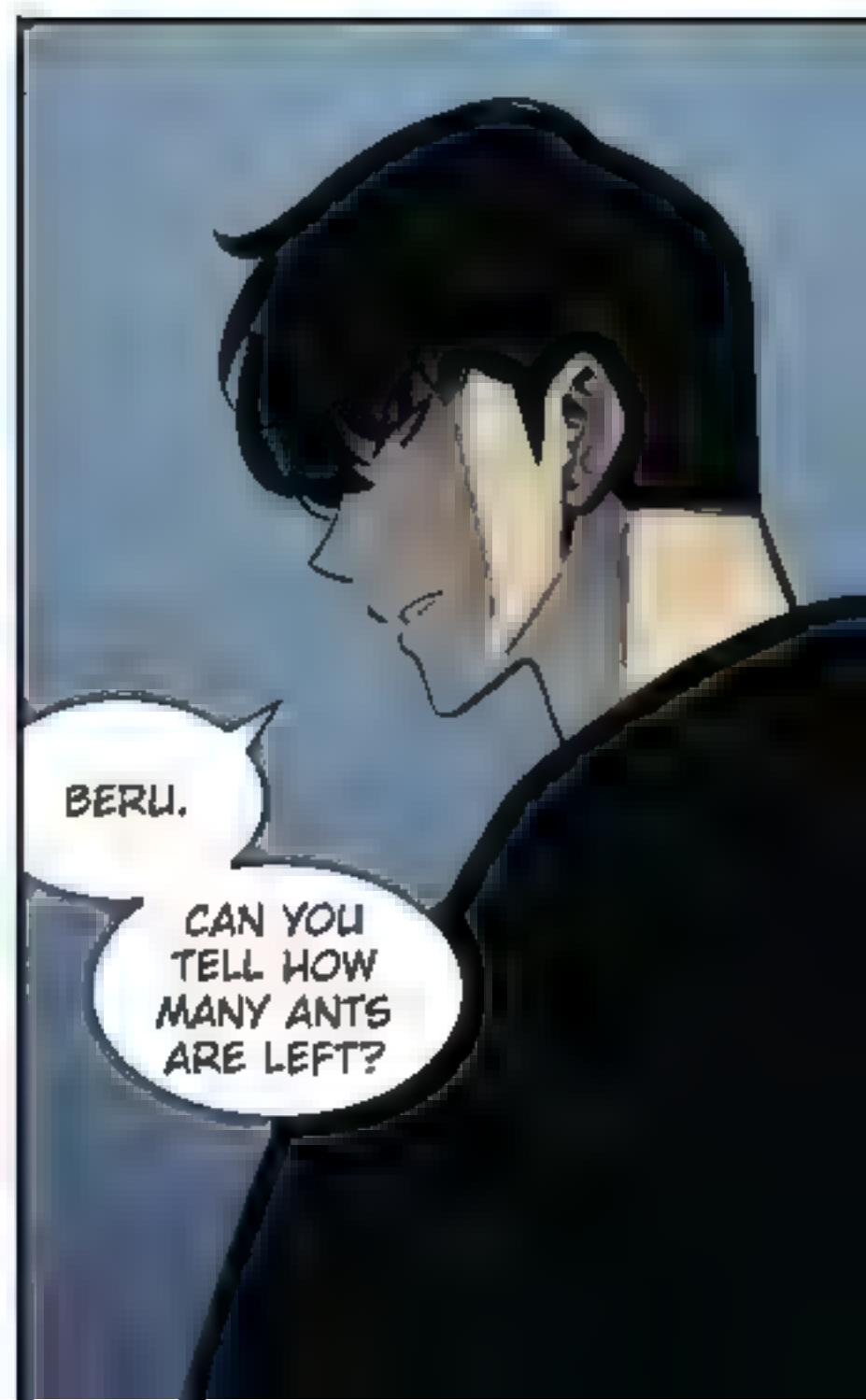
...MASTER.



I CAN
SENSE...

...THE ENEMIES
ARE HAVING
DIFFICULTIES...
WITHOUT THEIR
RULER.

THEY ARE NOT
ABLE TO ORGANIZE
THEMSELVES. THEY
ARE SCATTERING
EVERYWHERE.



BERU.

CAN YOU
TELL HOW
MANY ANTS
ARE LEFT?



THERE WERE
AROUND 8,700
BEFORE THE
ATTACK.

THE NUMBER
OF SURVIVING
ANTS IS...

...ABOUT 4,000,
MASTER.



I THOUGHT
I GOT RID OF
A LOT OF THEM
EARLIER, BUT...

...THERE
ARE STILL SO
MANY LEFT.



ANY CHANCE
YOU CAN
TAKE CARE OF
THEM ALL?



BY YOUR
COMMAND.







**ANTS
INCOMING
FROM THE
NORTH!**

**KNIGHTS
GUILD WILL
HANDLE
THEM!**



**WE'RE NEXT!
EVERYONE IN
HUNTERS GUILD,
GET READY FOR
A BATTLE!**



AAAAAH!



FAME GUILD, WE
SHOULD PREPARE
FOR BATTLE AS
WELL.



CUT DOWN
EVERYTHING
IN SIGHT!



WHAT'RE YOU
DOING? EACH
ANT IS AS GOOD
AS A B-RANK!

IF YOU DON'T
WORK TOGETHER,
YOU'LL BE KILLED!
ORGANIZE
YOURSELVES!

REAPERS
GUILD WILL
RETRIEVE OUR
GLORY!!

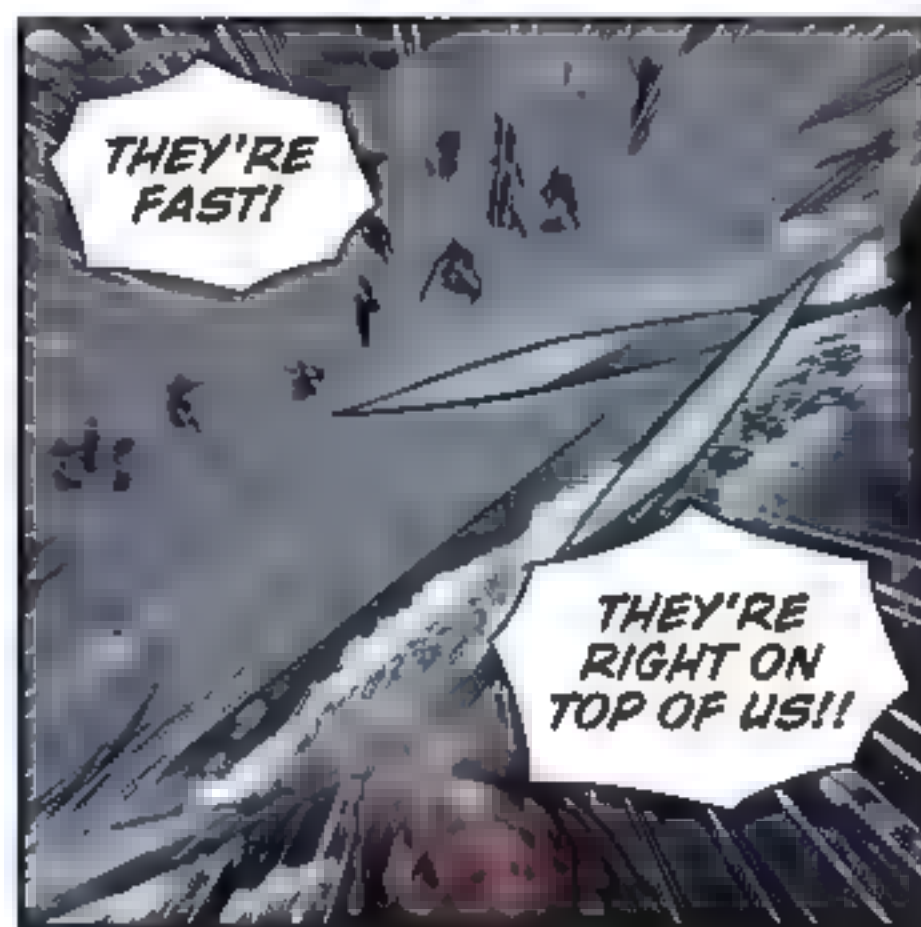


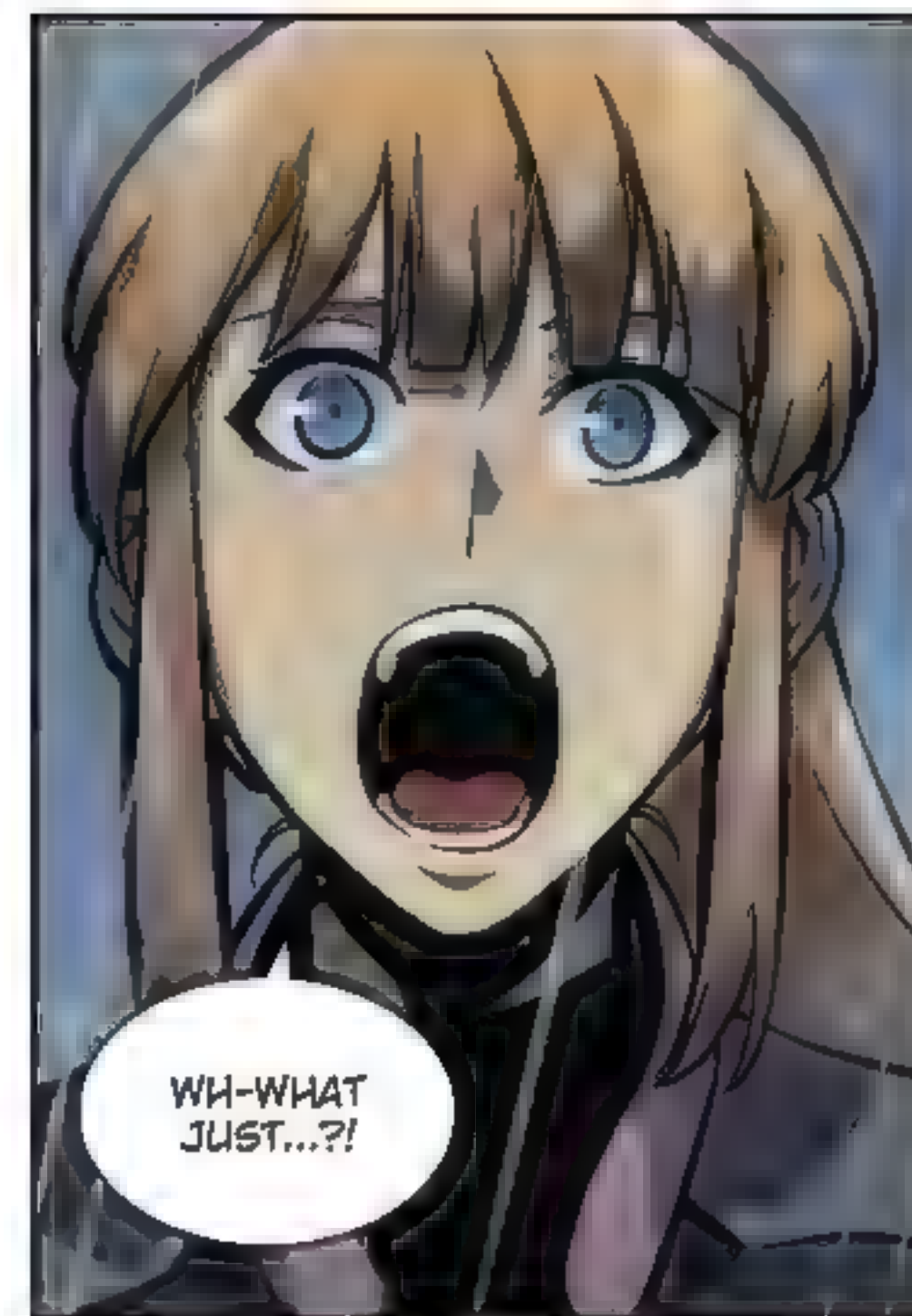
AH...
AHHHH!

H-HOW
CAN ANYONE
FIGHT THOSE
THINGS?!



HOW IS HE AN
A-RANK? HE'S
SO PATHETIC!



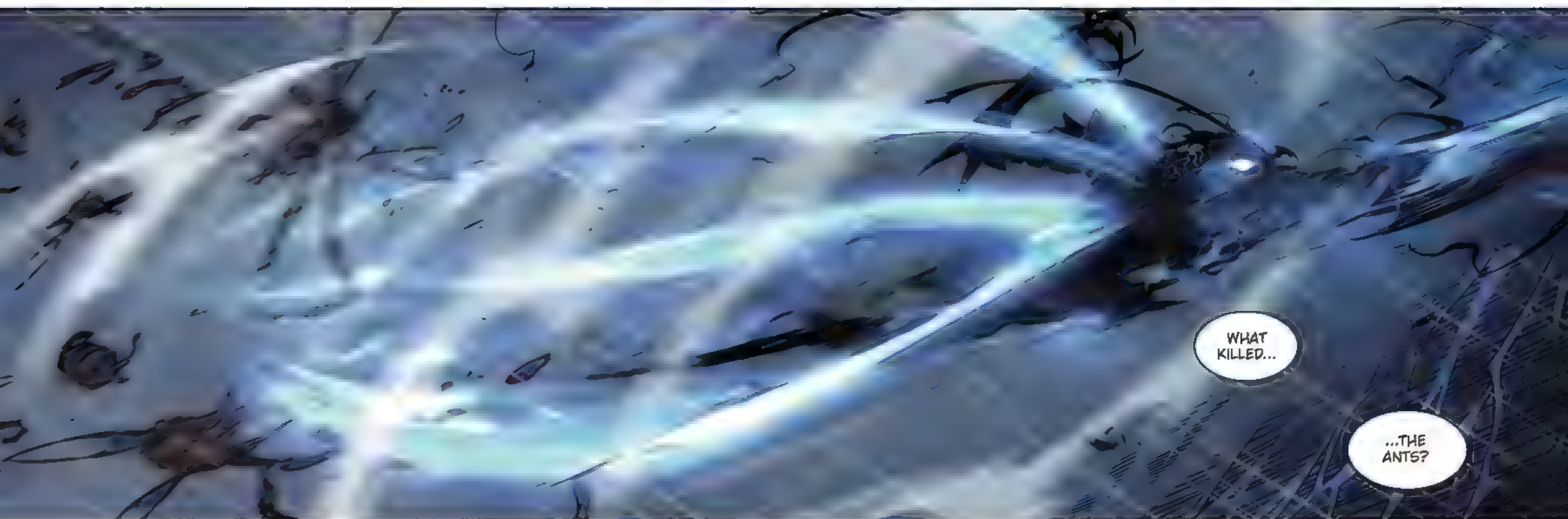


WH-WHAT
JUST...?!



WHAT
INCREDIBLE
SPEED.

I COULDN'T
KEEP MY EYES
ON THEM.



WHAT
KILLED...

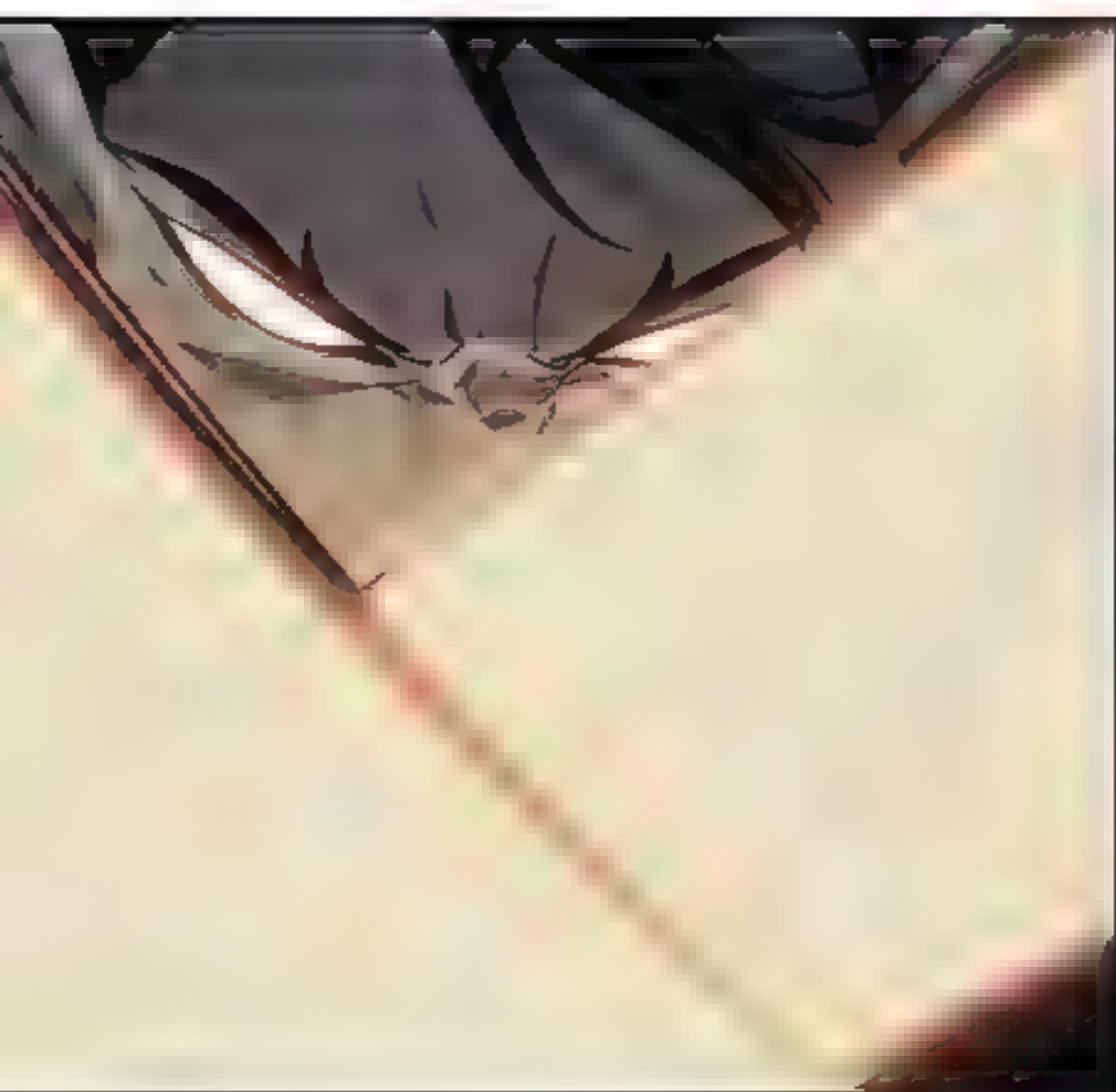
...THE
ANTS?



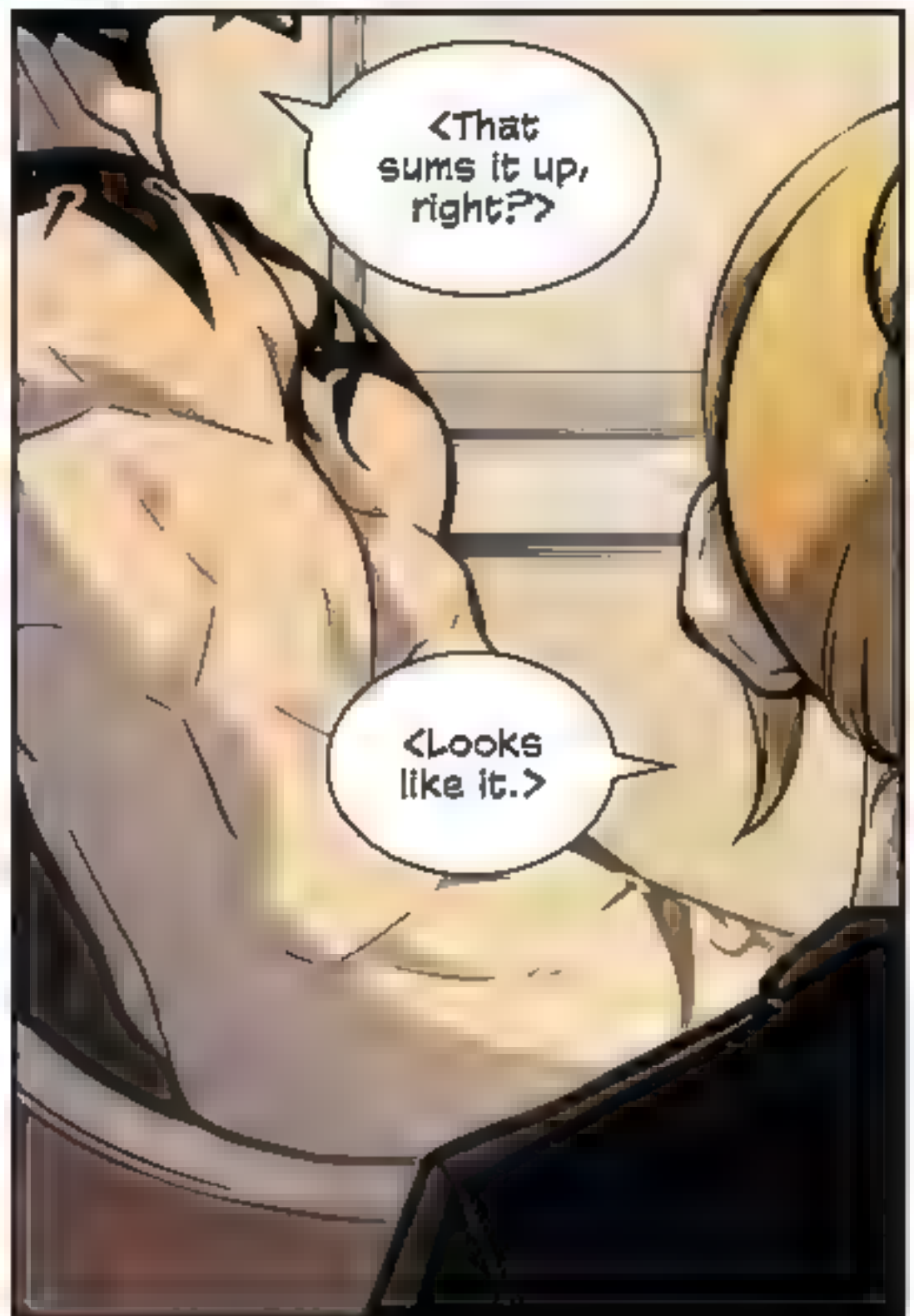
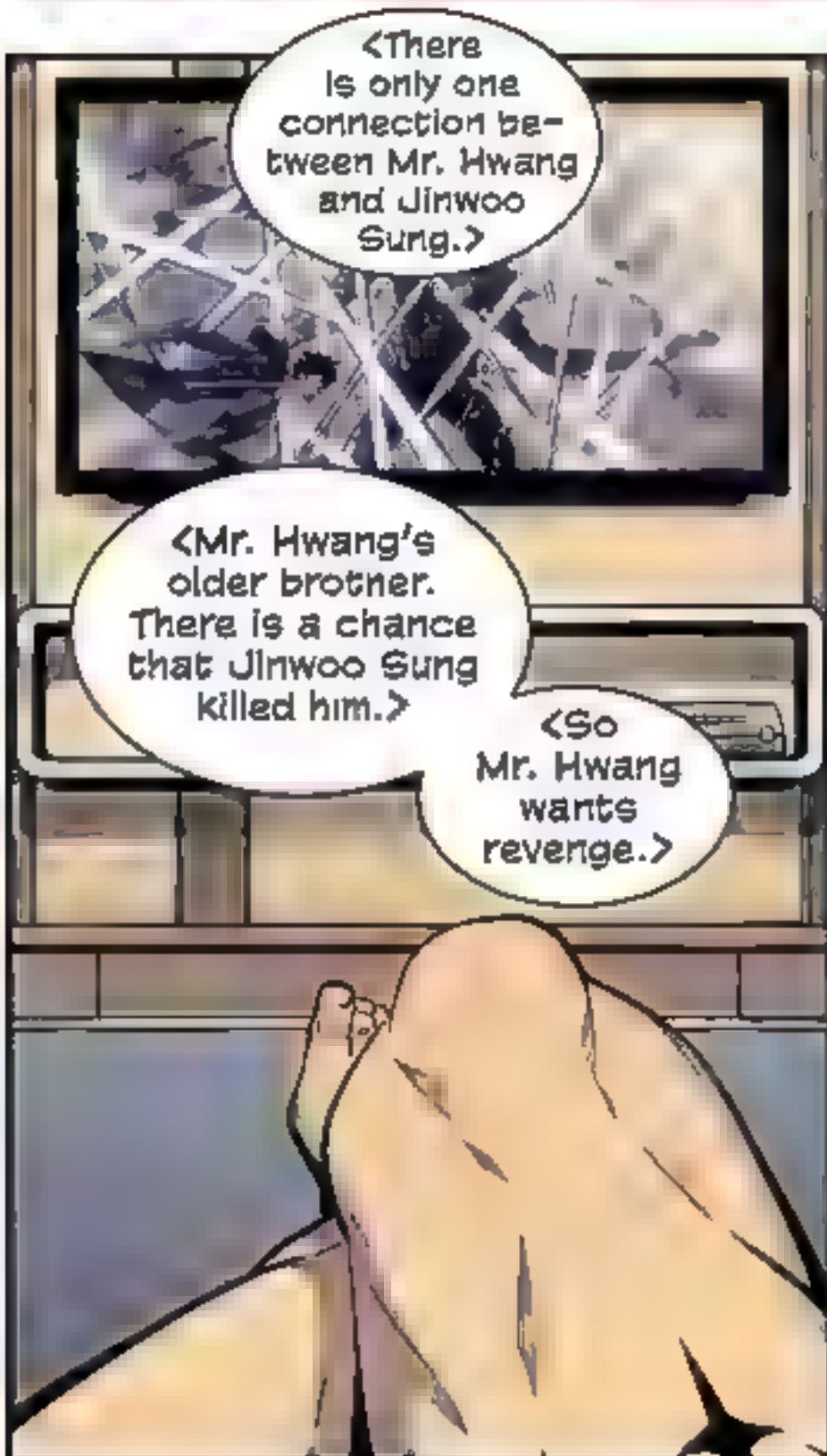


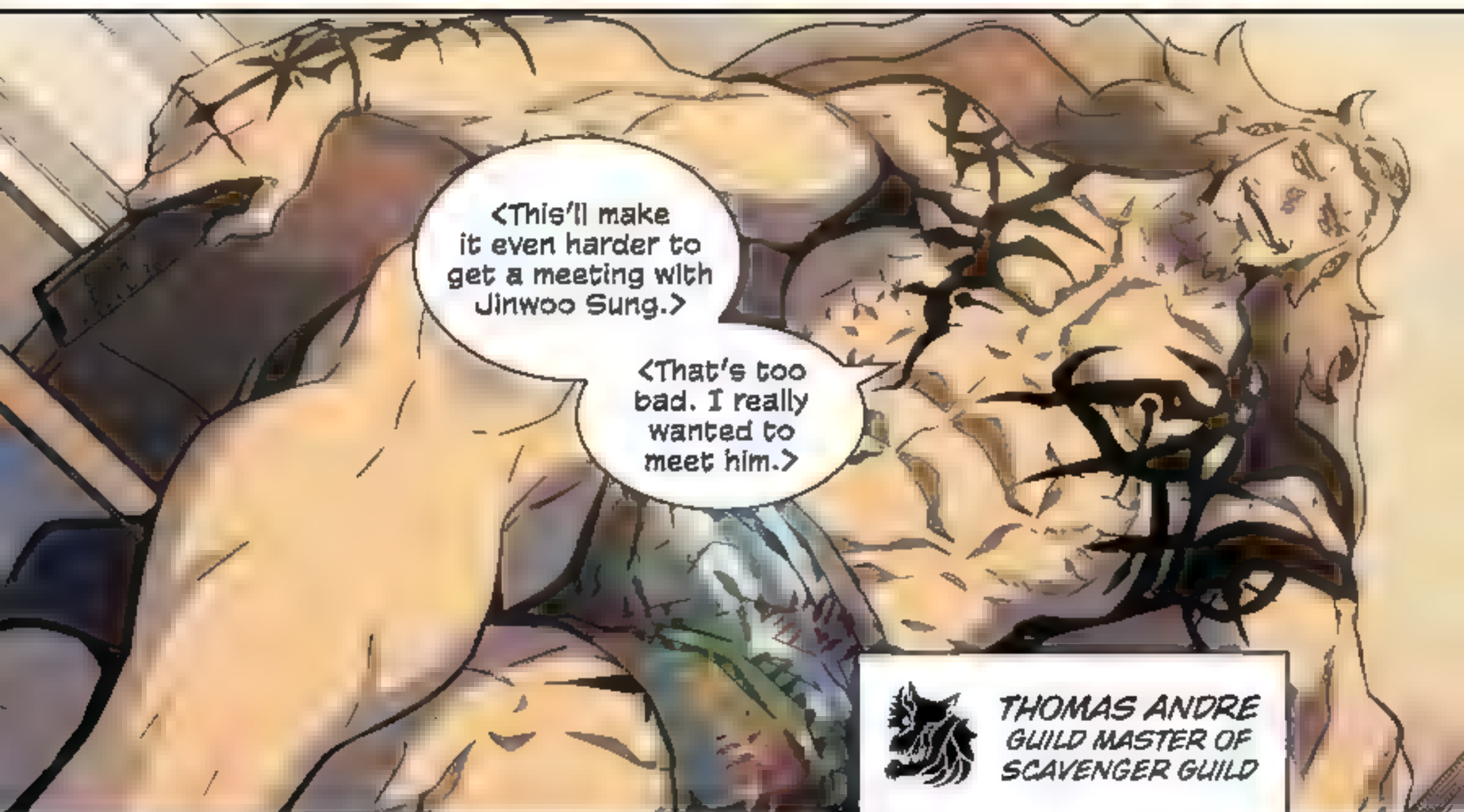
Our hero
wants to take
care of them
by himself.

They're
endless.







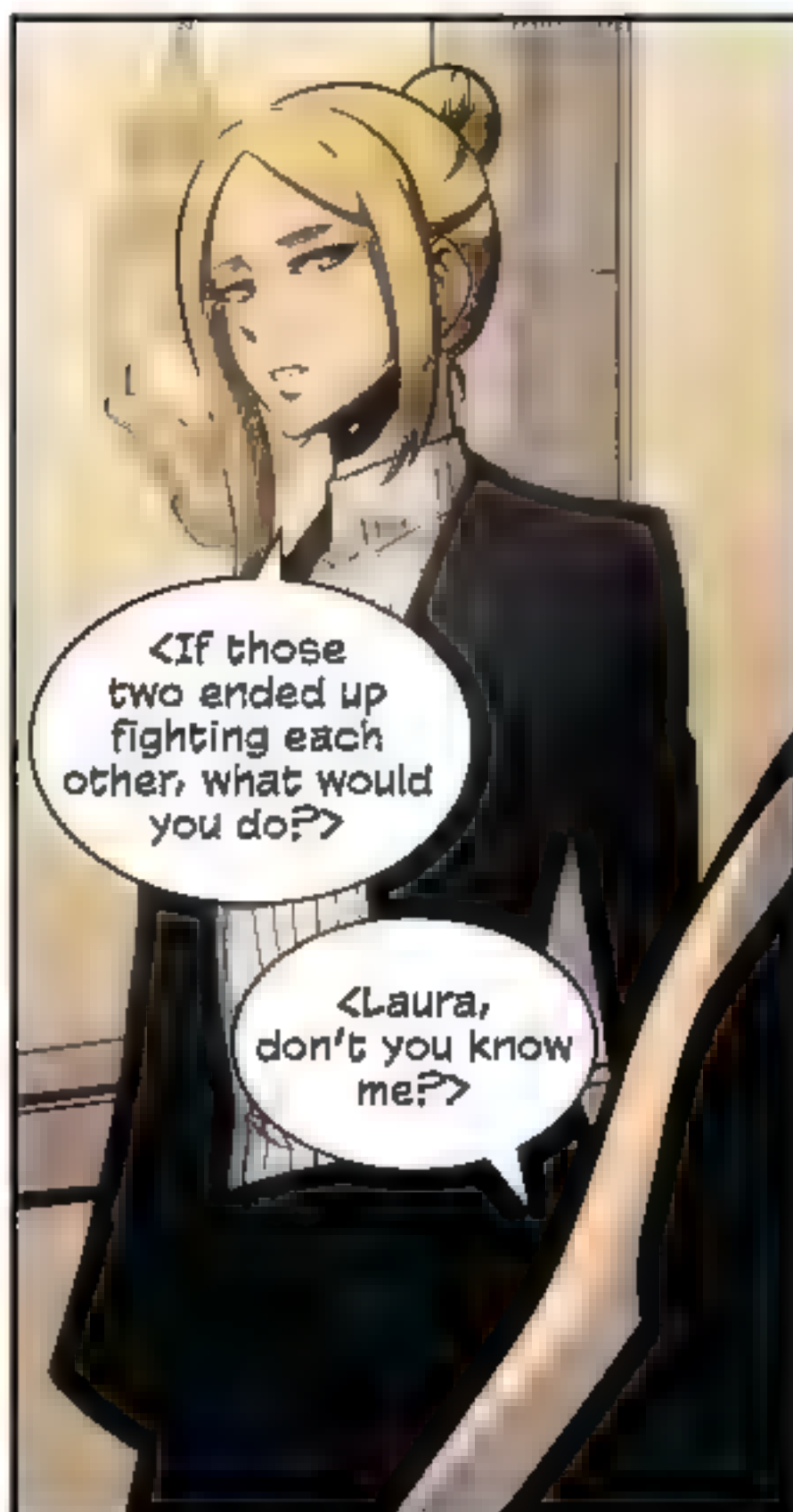


THOMAS ANDRE
GUILD MASTER OF
SCAVENGER GUILD

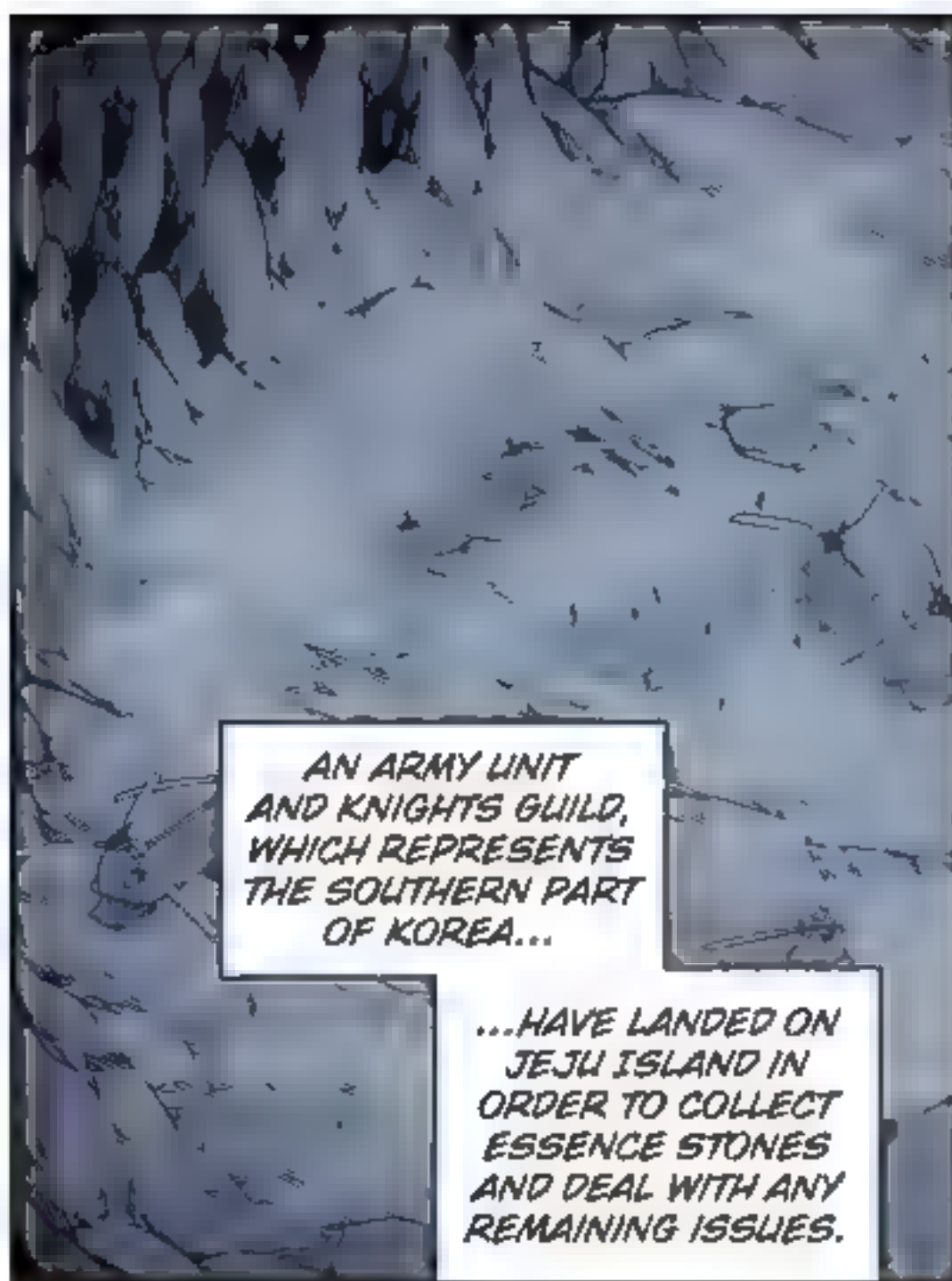


SCAVENGER

- A guild operating throughout the United States
- Thomas Andre, a national-level hunter, leads the guild and has recruited many S-rank hunters
- When another country requires help with a gate, guild members are sent as mercenaries
- S-rank hunter Dongsuo Hwang also belongs to this guild





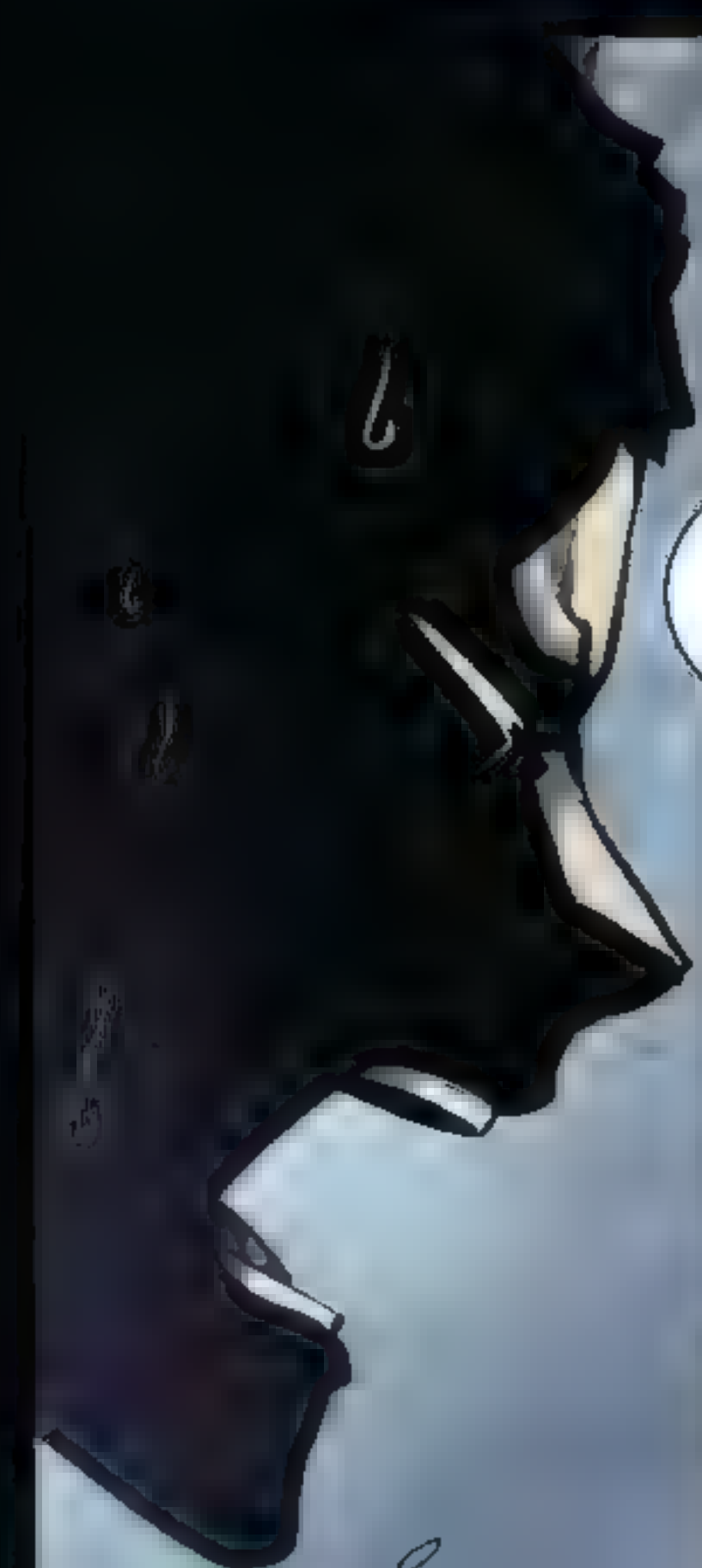




A STRICT
WORKOUT
REGIMEN MADE
HIM
STRONGER.

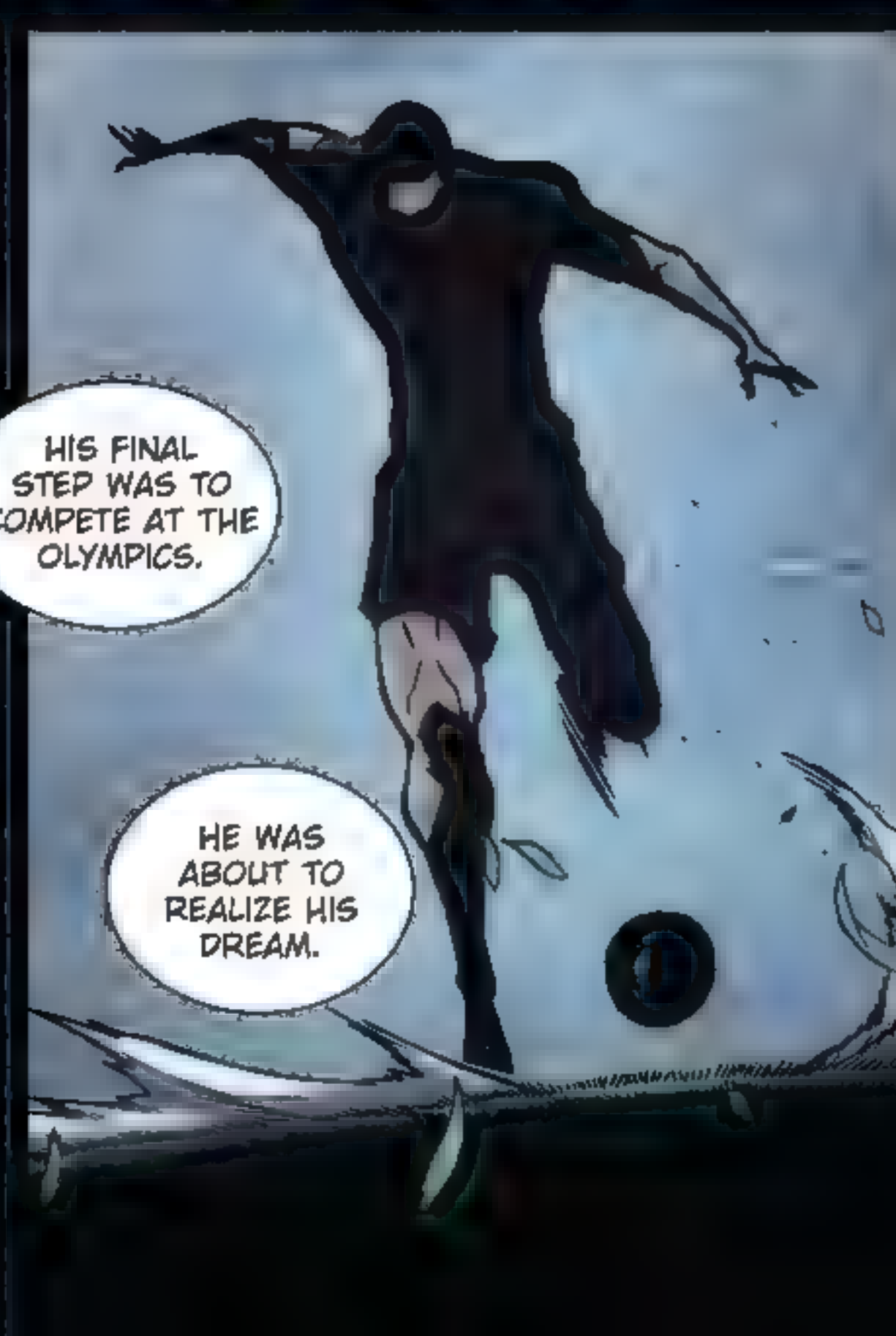
A CAREFUL
DIET OPTIMIZED
HIS BODY
WEIGHT.

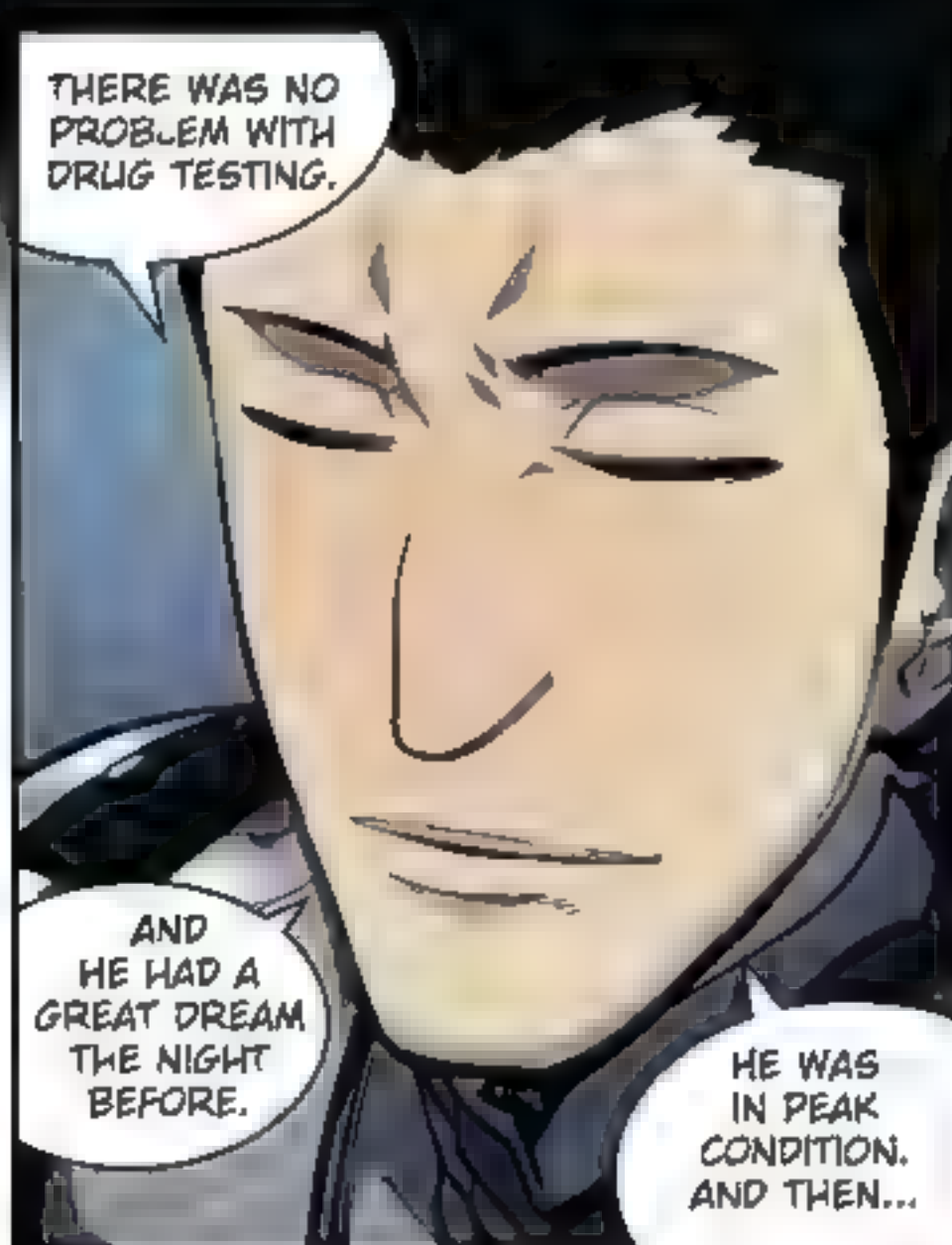
HE
ENDURED THE
MOST INTENSE
TRAINING.



HIS FINAL
STEP WAS TO
COMPETE AT THE
OLYMPICS.

HE WAS
ABOUT TO
REALIZE HIS
DREAM.





THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH DRUG TESTING.

AND HE HAD A GREAT DREAM THE NIGHT BEFORE.

HE WAS IN PEAK CONDITION. AND THEN...



...BECAUSE OF HIS SUDDEN AWAKENING...

...HE COULDN'T GO TO THE OLYMPICS AFTER A MANA METER DETECTED HIS POWER.

OH, IS THIS YOUR STORY?

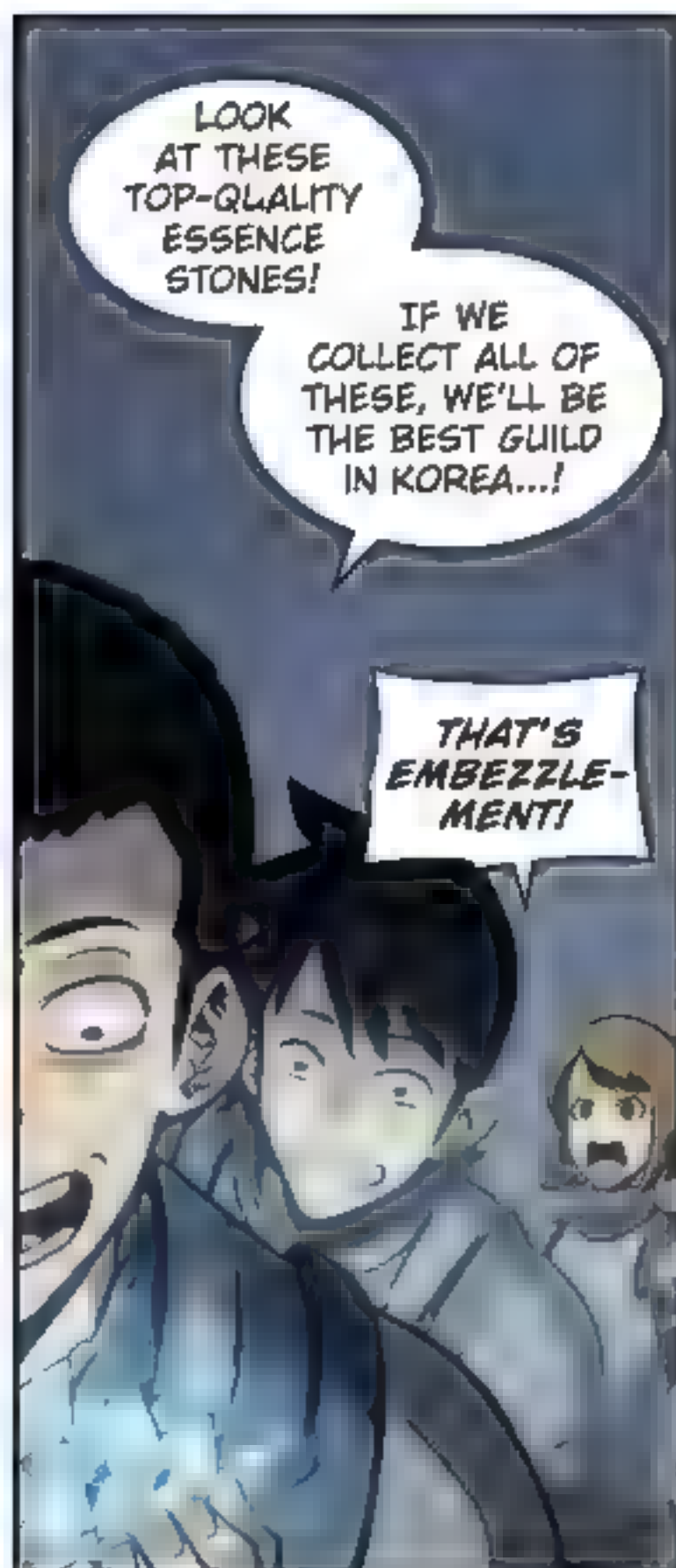


ALTHOUGH THAT MAN HAD TO GIVE UP HIS DREAM ONCE, HE STARTED HAVING A NEW ONE!

WHICH WAS TO ESTABLISH THE BEST GUILD IN THE COUNTRY!

YOU SHOULDN'T LITTER HERE.

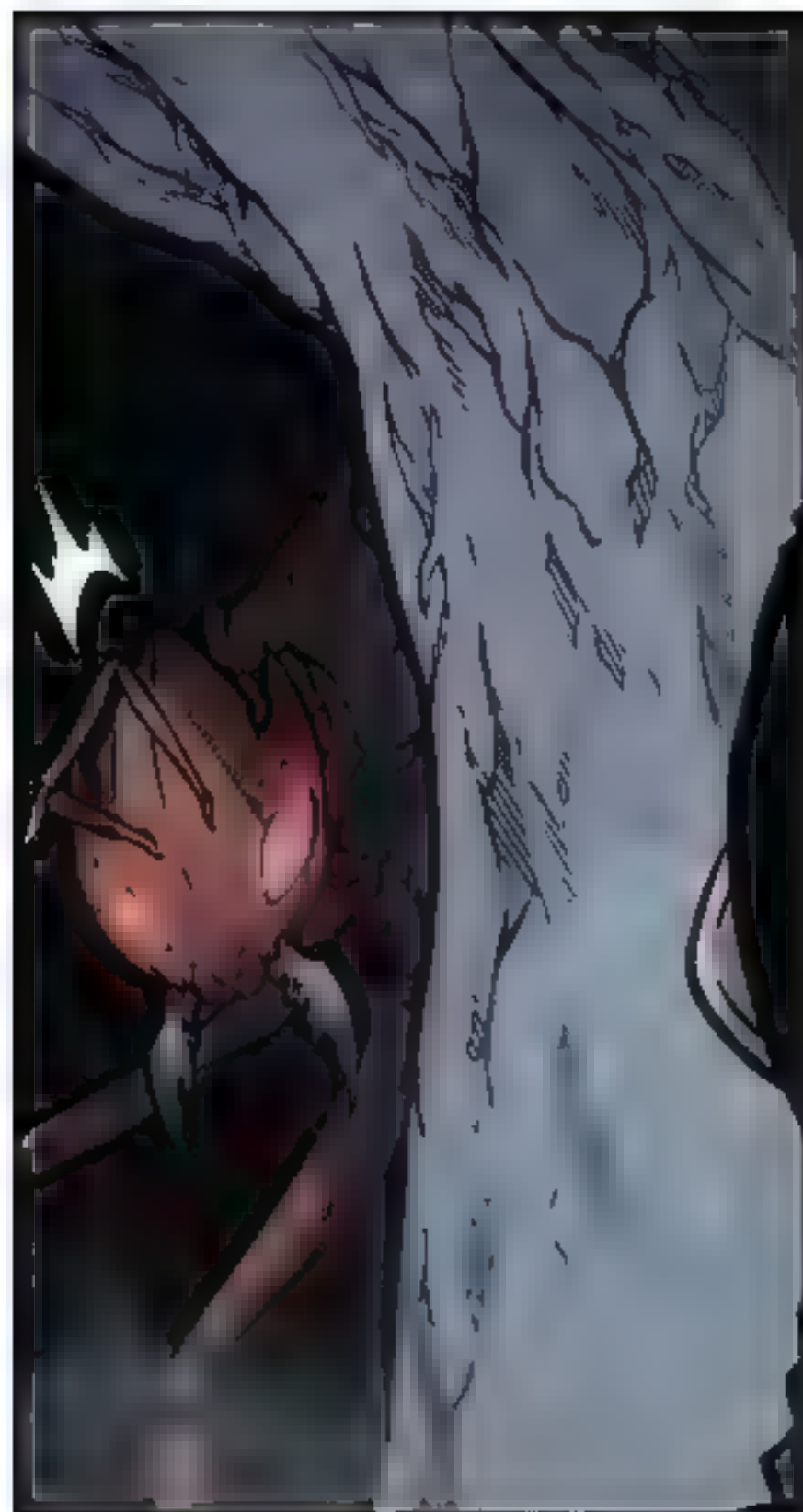
THAT IS SO GREAT!

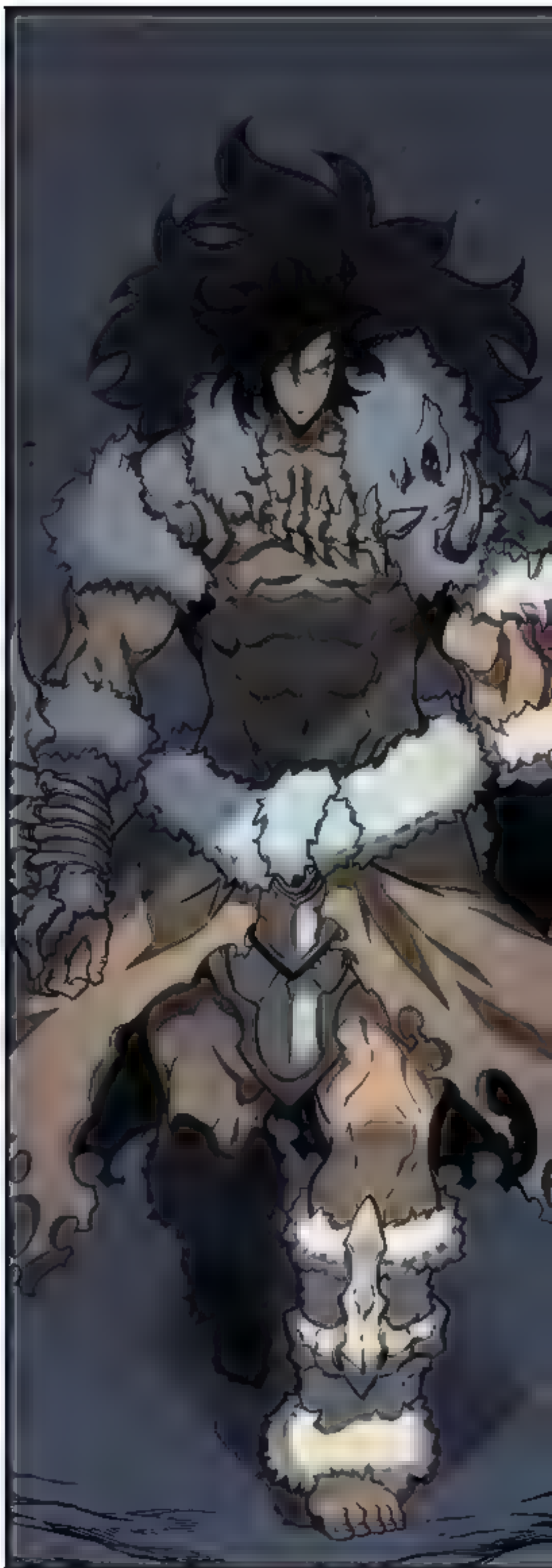


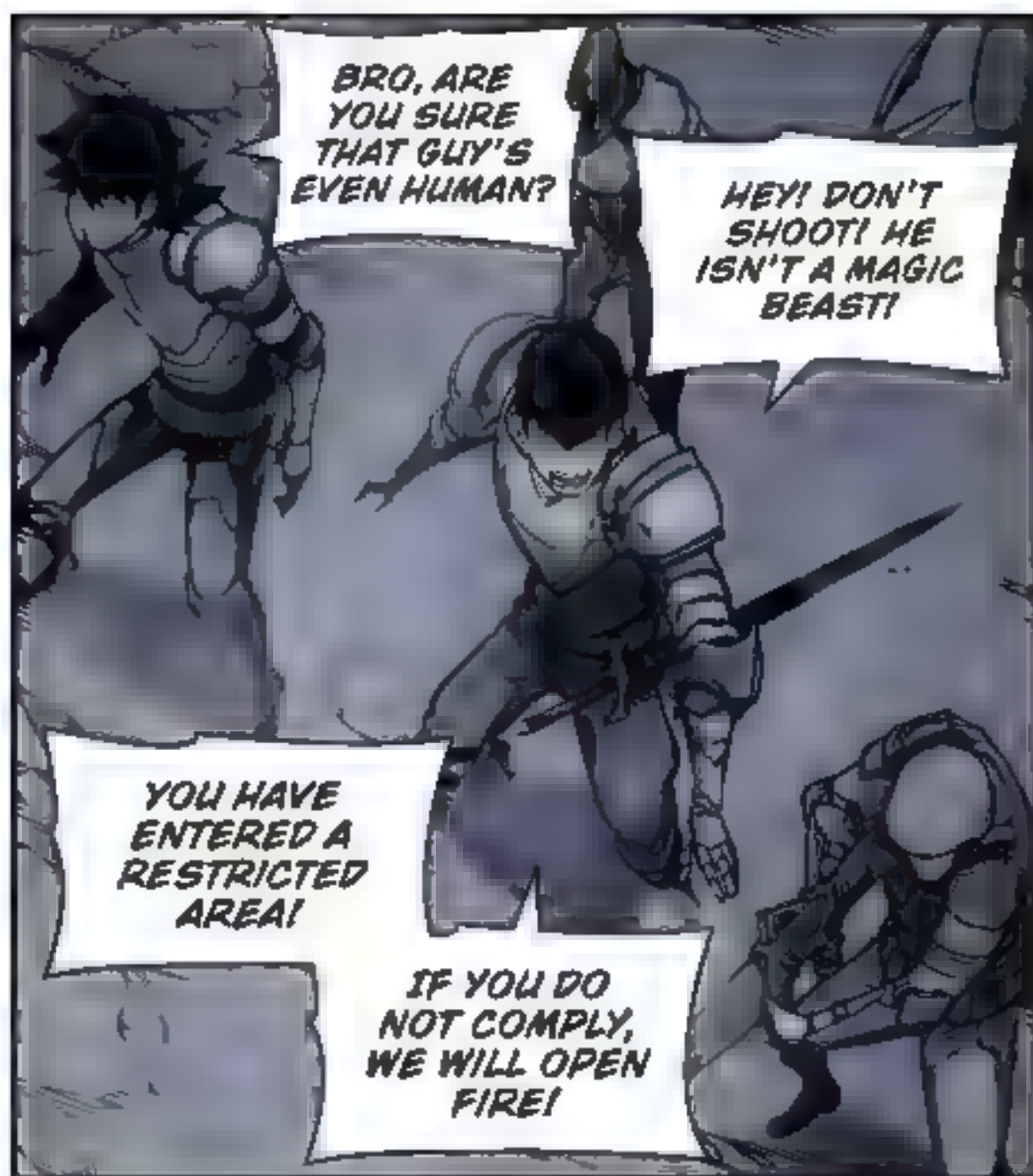
LOOK AT THESE TOP-QUALITY ESSENCE STONES!

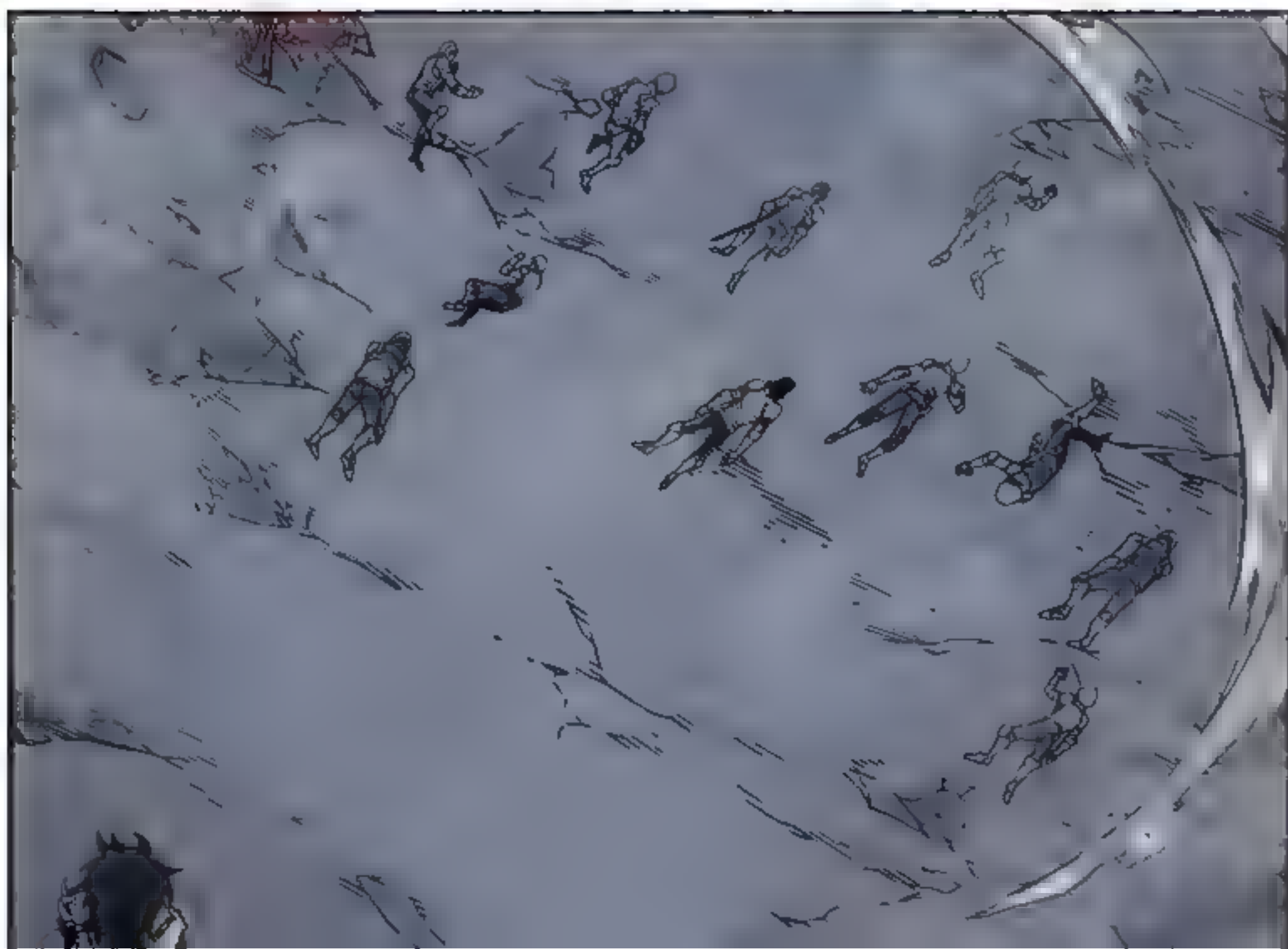
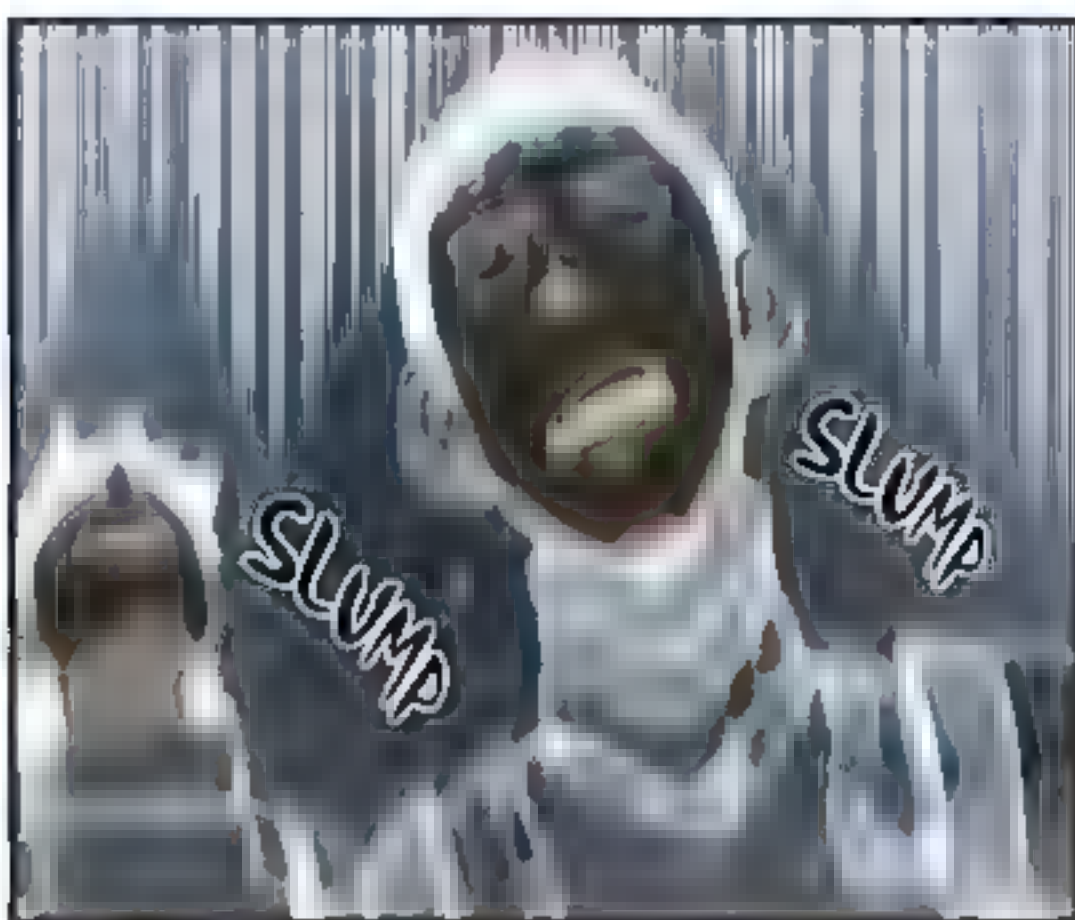
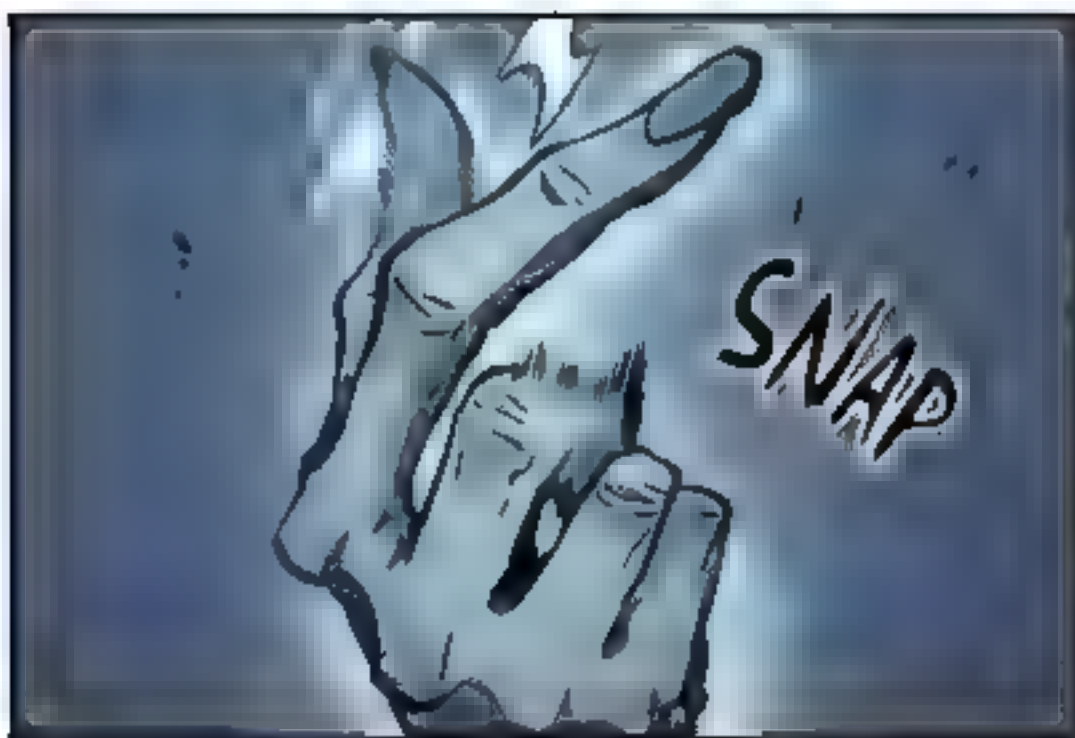
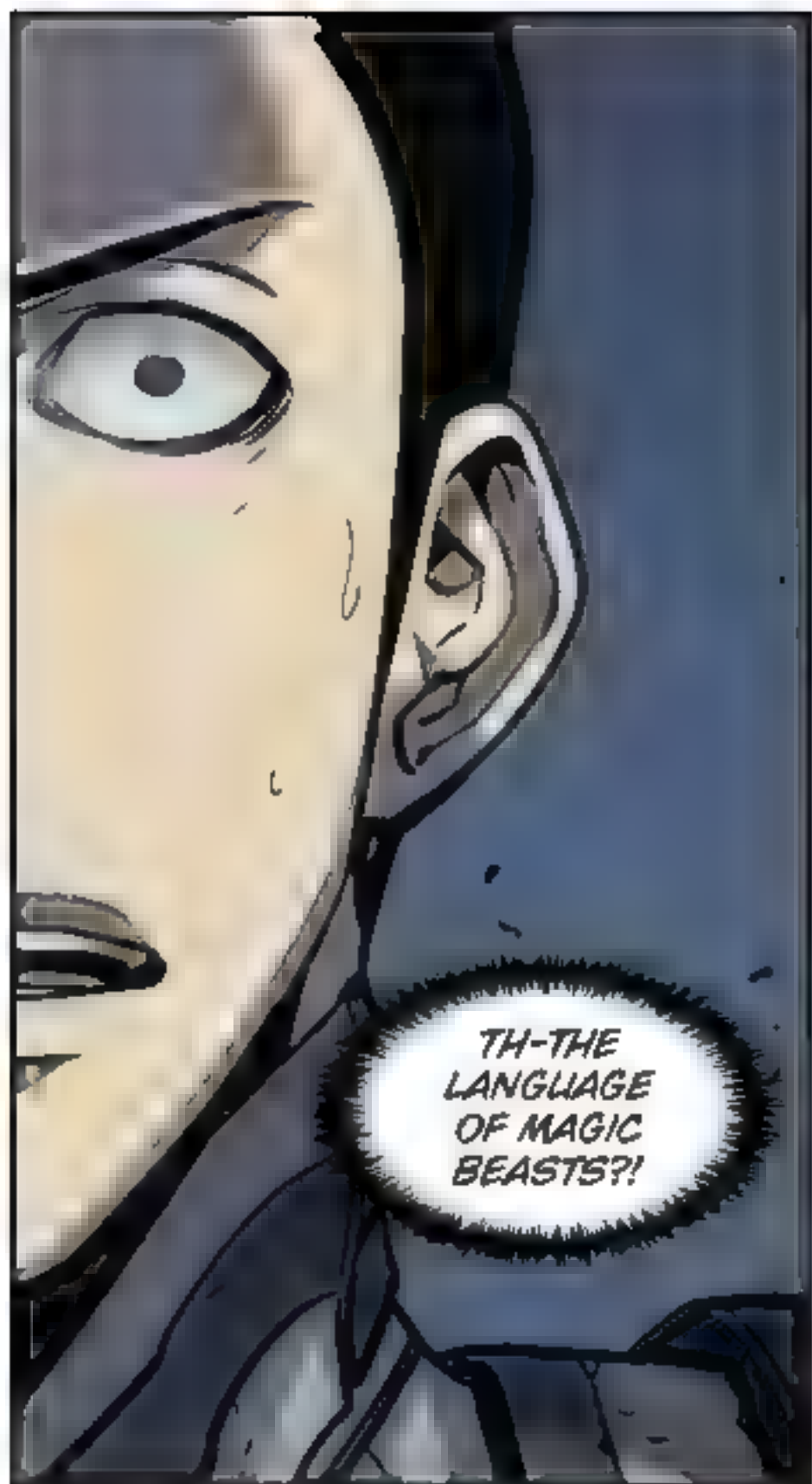
IF WE COLLECT ALL OF THESE, WE'LL BE THE BEST GUILD IN KOREA...!

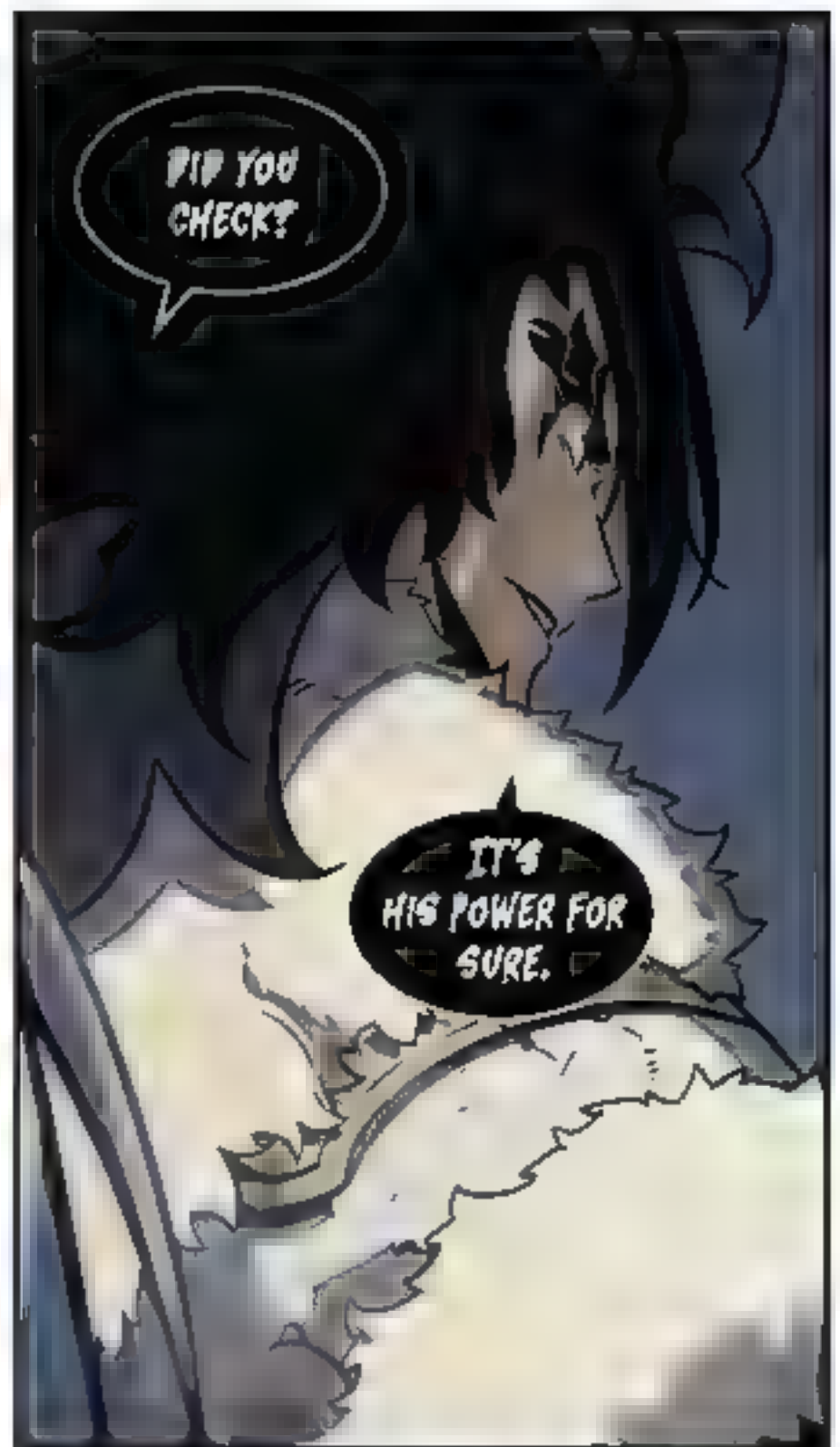
THAT'S EMBEZZLEMENT!







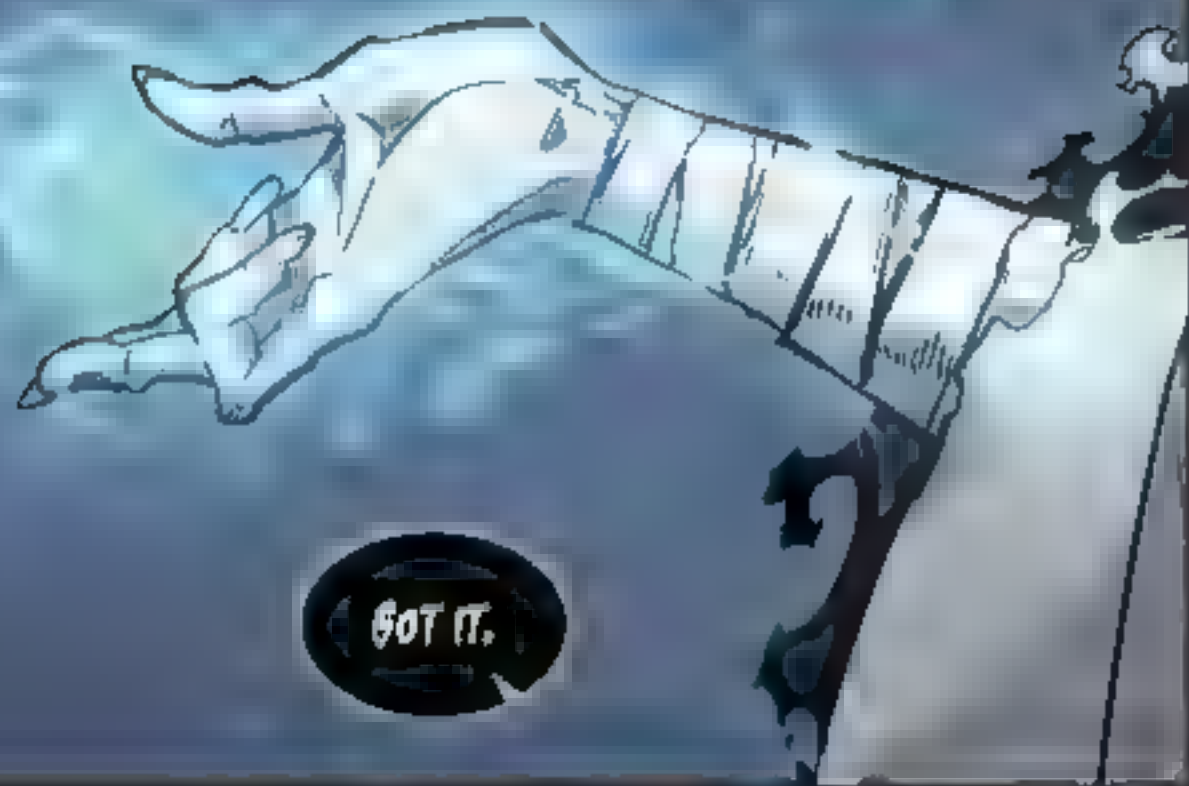


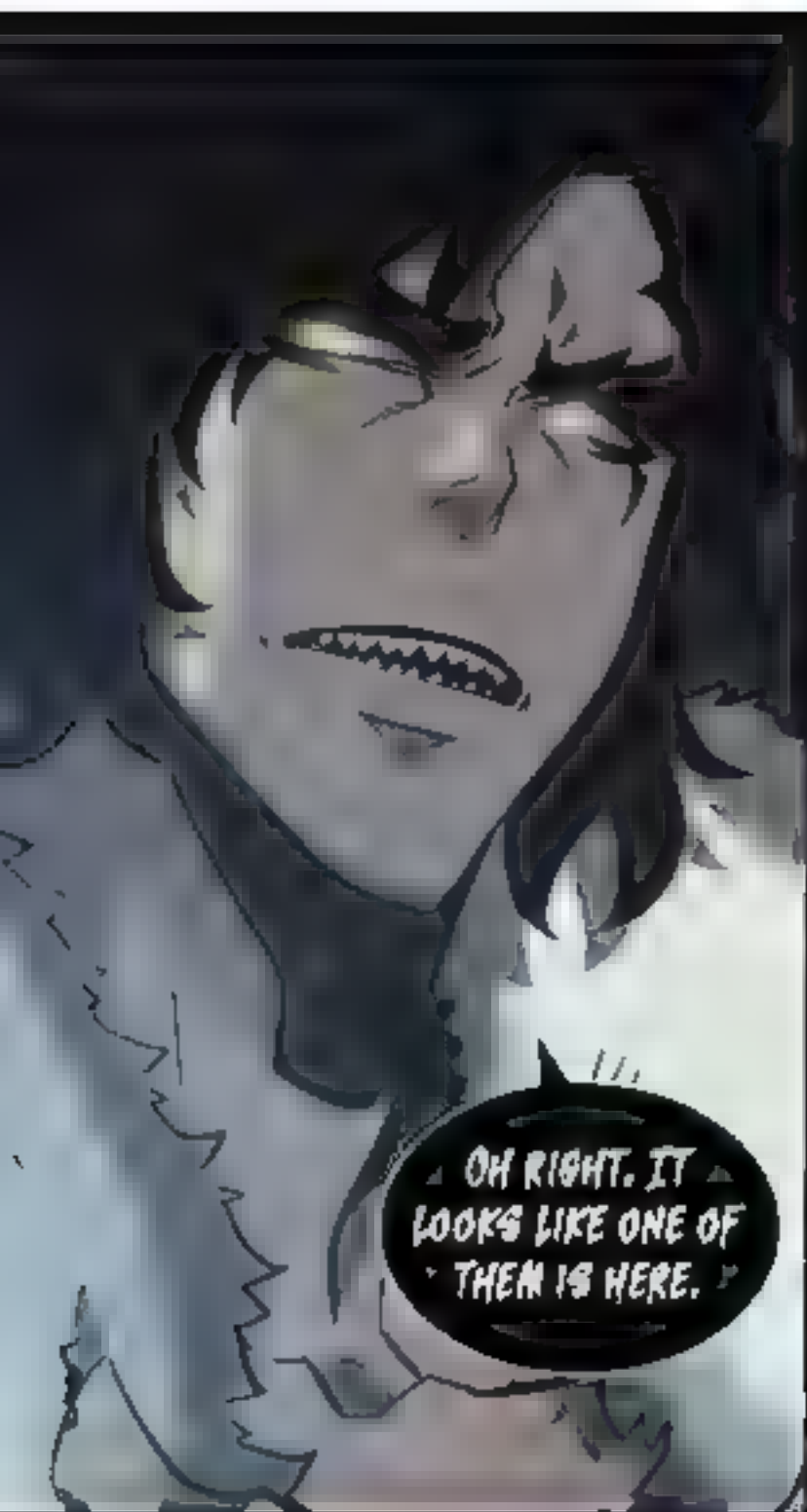


THE HUNT
WILL PROCEED AS
PLANNED.

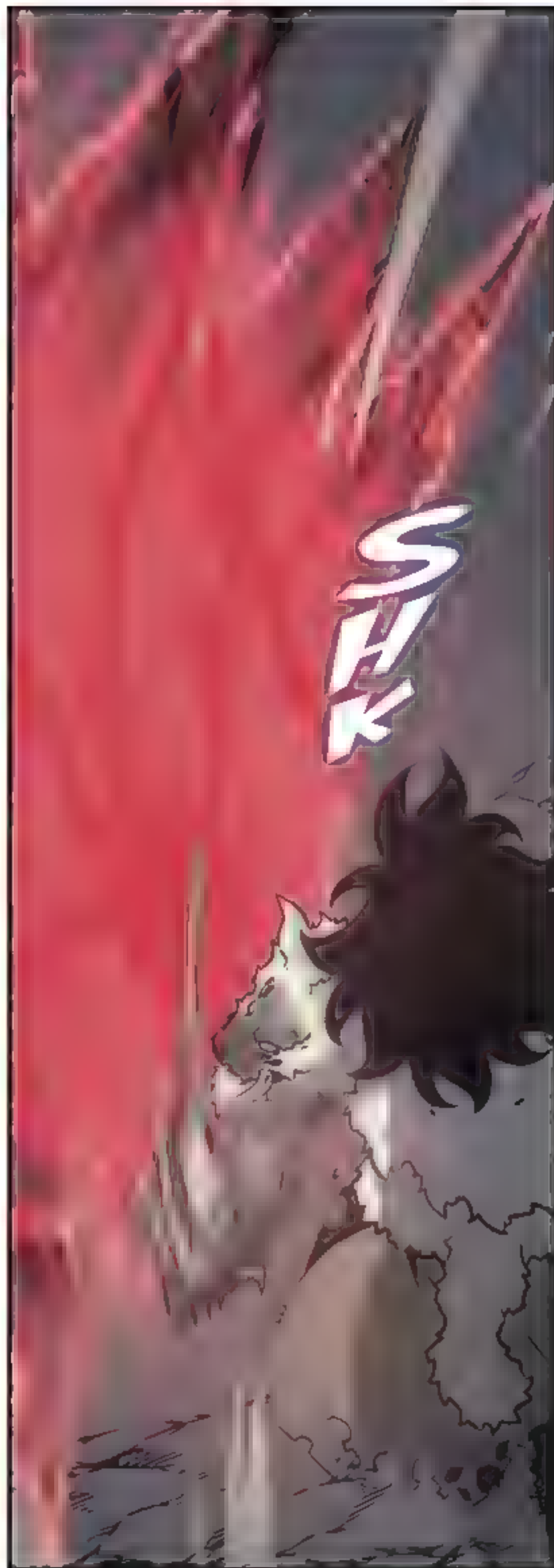
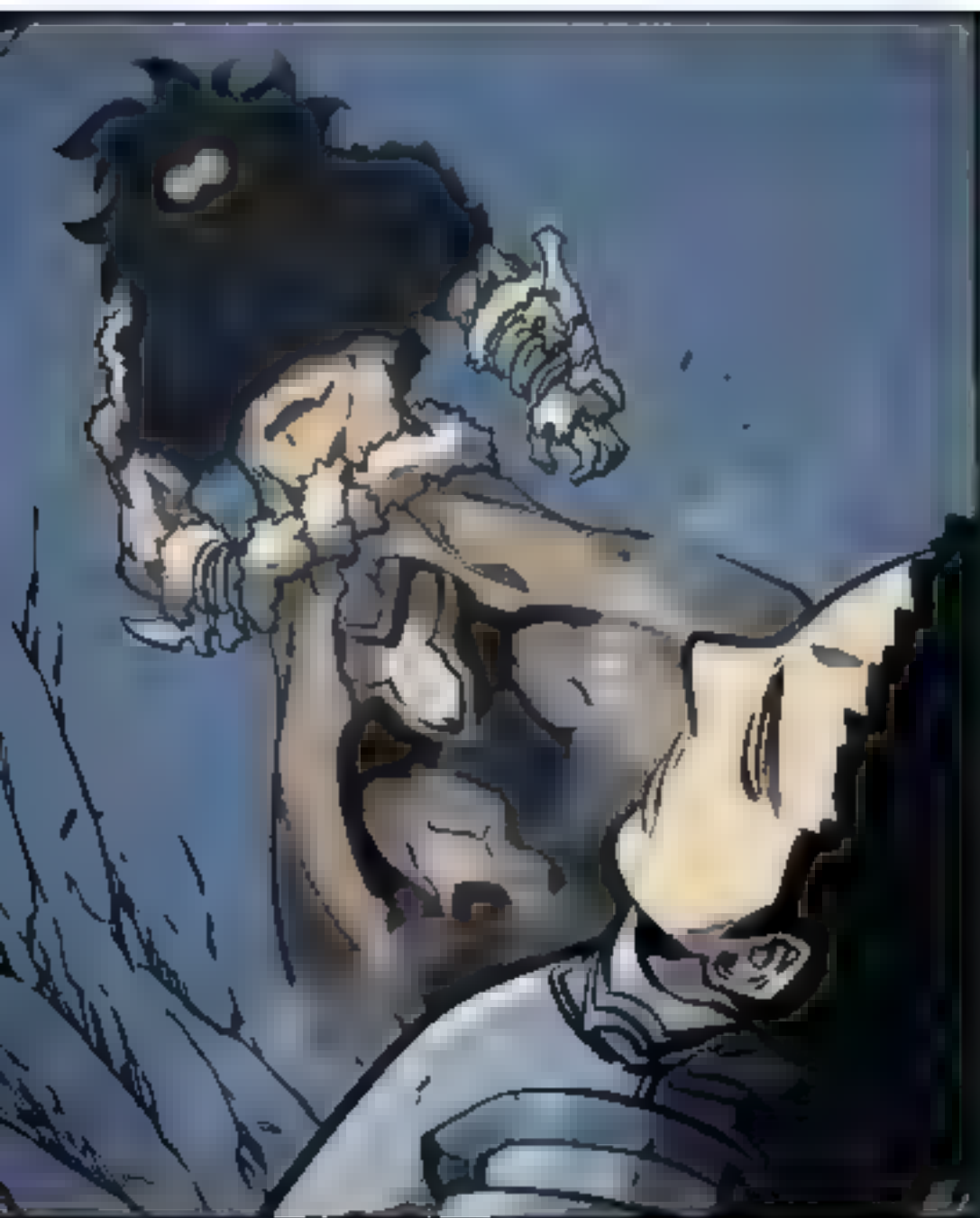
NOTHING HAS
CHANGED.

GOT IT.

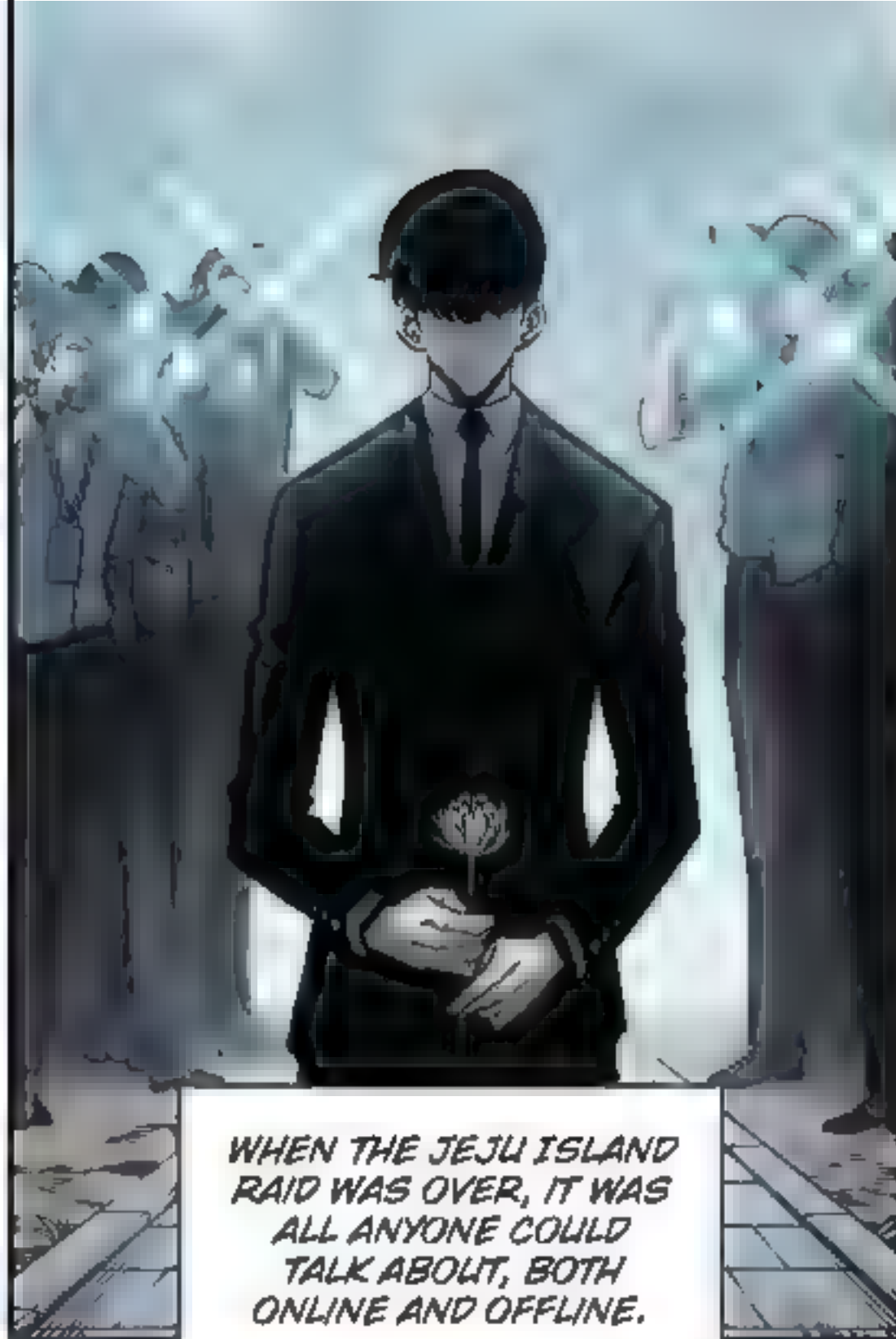
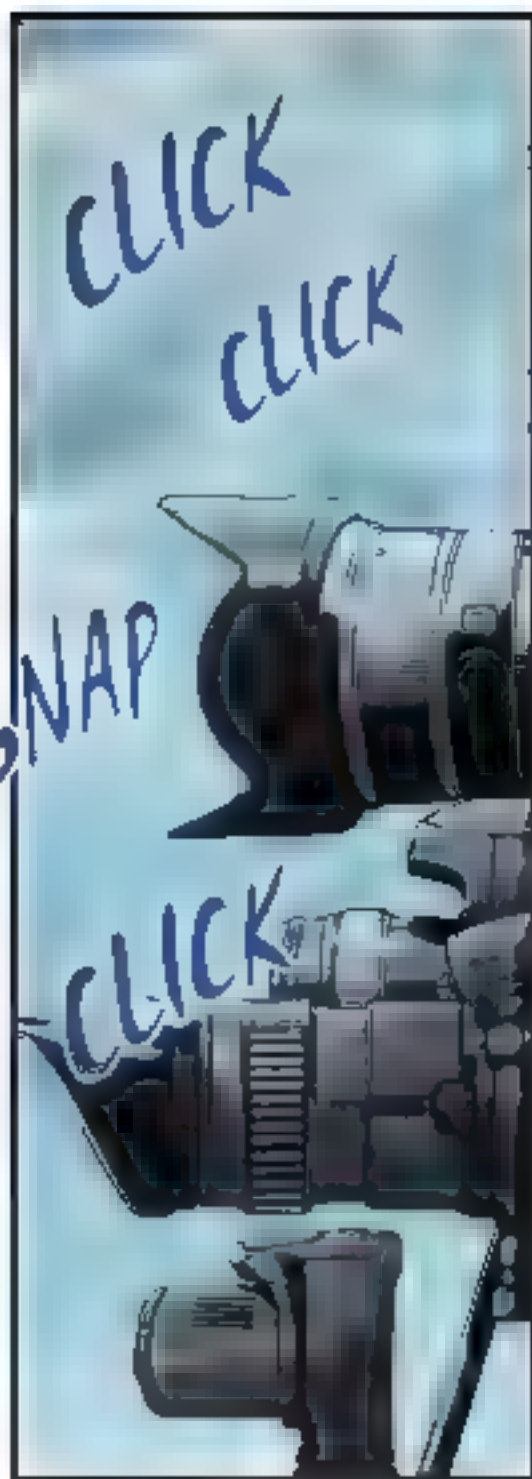












WHEN THE JEJU ISLAND
RAID WAS OVER, IT WAS
ALL ANYONE COULD
TALK ABOUT, BOTH
ONLINE AND OFFLINE.

> Wow...I don't know
what to say...

> I'm pretty sure it's impossible to
make that many minions, right?

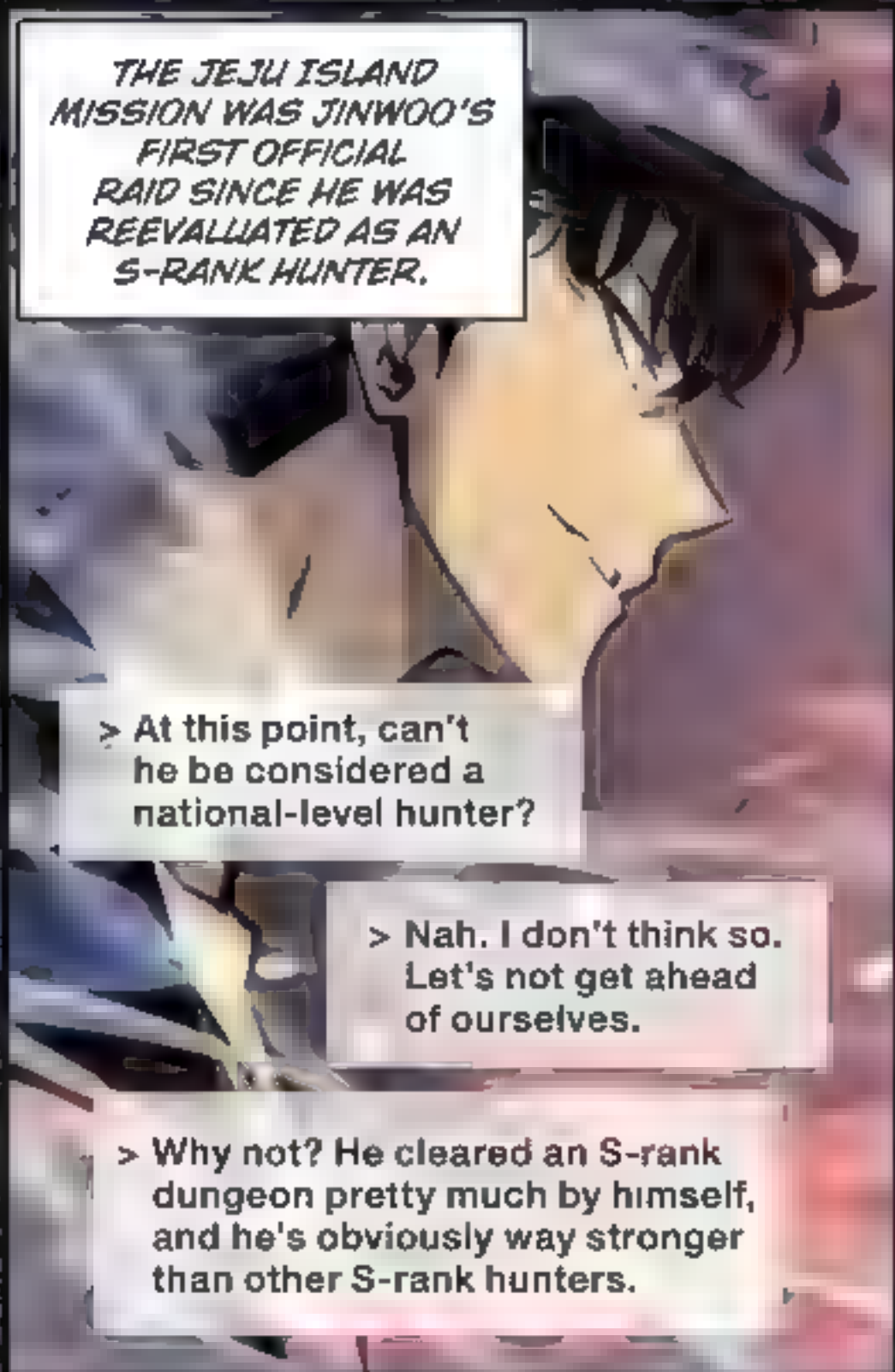
> My cancer of ten years was cured
after watching Hunter Sung's
minions take out those beasts.

> Amazing. You
were incredible.

> I lost my parents
on Jeju Island
four years ago.

> Hunter Sung probably
won't see this, but...



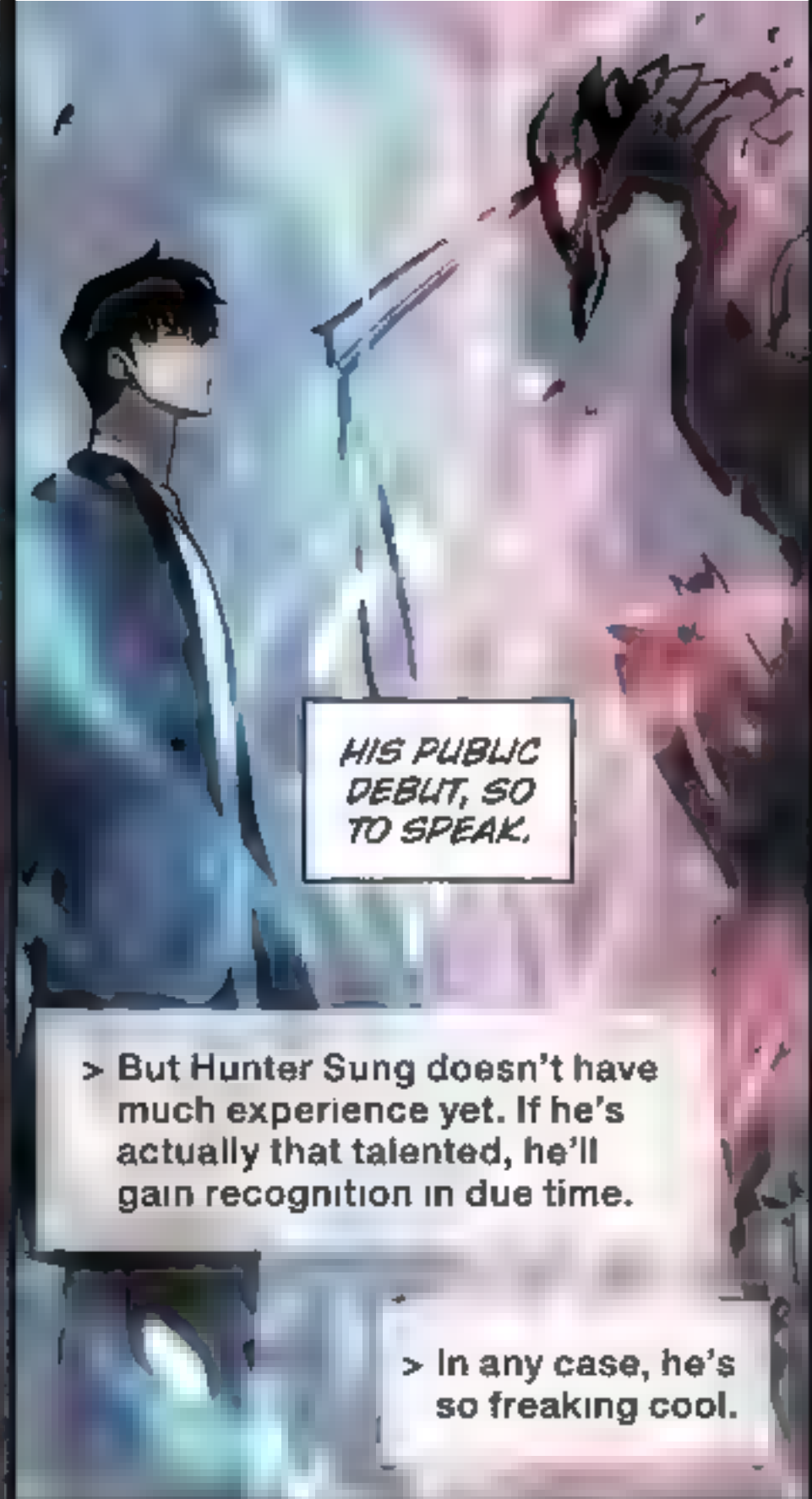


THE JEJU ISLAND MISSION WAS JINWOO'S FIRST OFFICIAL RAID SINCE HE WAS REEVALUATED AS AN S-RANK HUNTER.

> At this point, can't he be considered a national-level hunter?

> Nah. I don't think so. Let's not get ahead of ourselves.

> Why not? He cleared an S-rank dungeon pretty much by himself, and he's obviously way stronger than other S-rank hunters.



HIS PUBLIC DEBUT, SO TO SPEAK.

> But Hunter Sung doesn't have much experience yet. If he's actually that talented, he'll gain recognition in due time.

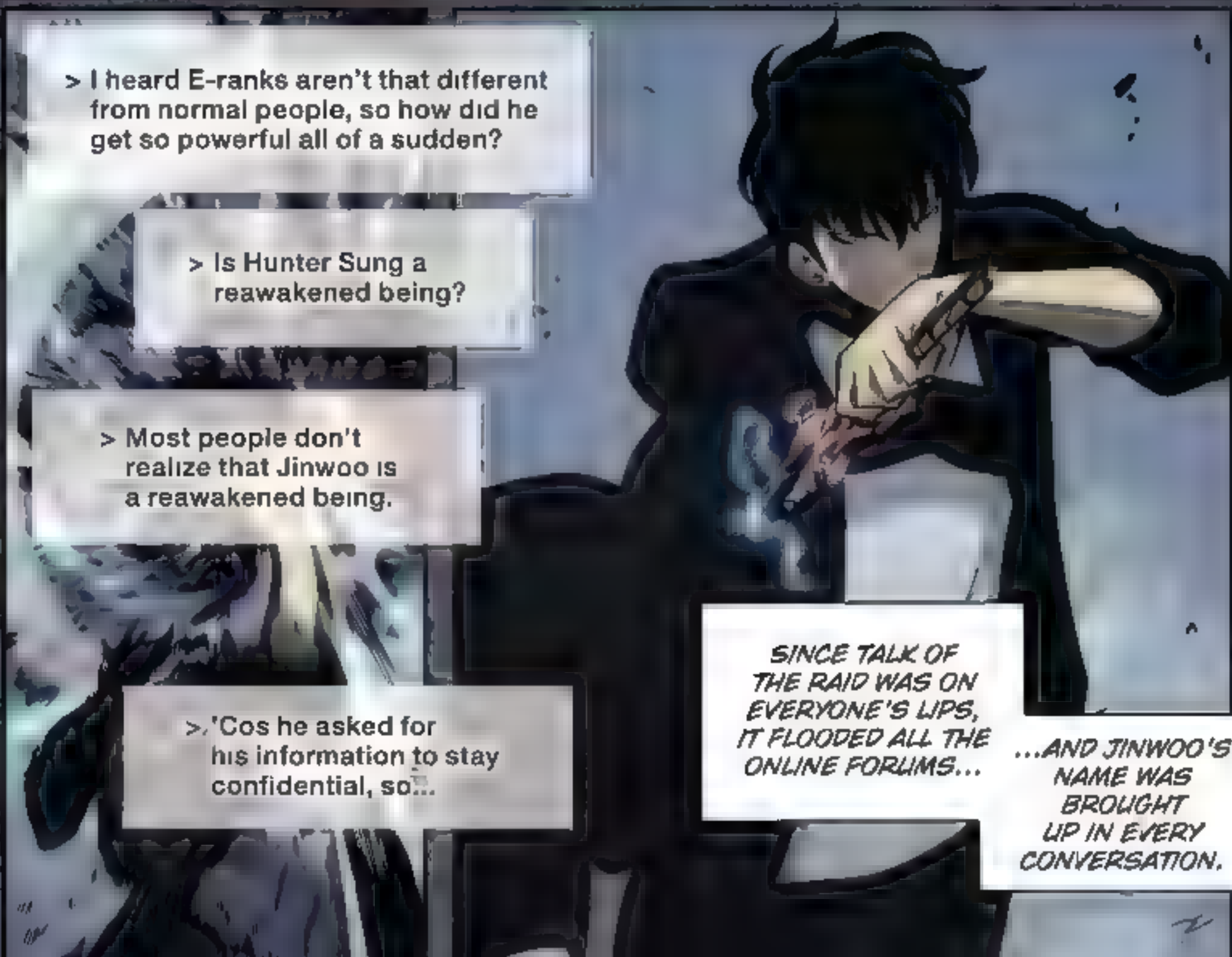
> In any case, he's so freaking cool.

> I heard E-ranks aren't that different from normal people, so how did he get so powerful all of a sudden?

> Is Hunter Sung a reawakened being?

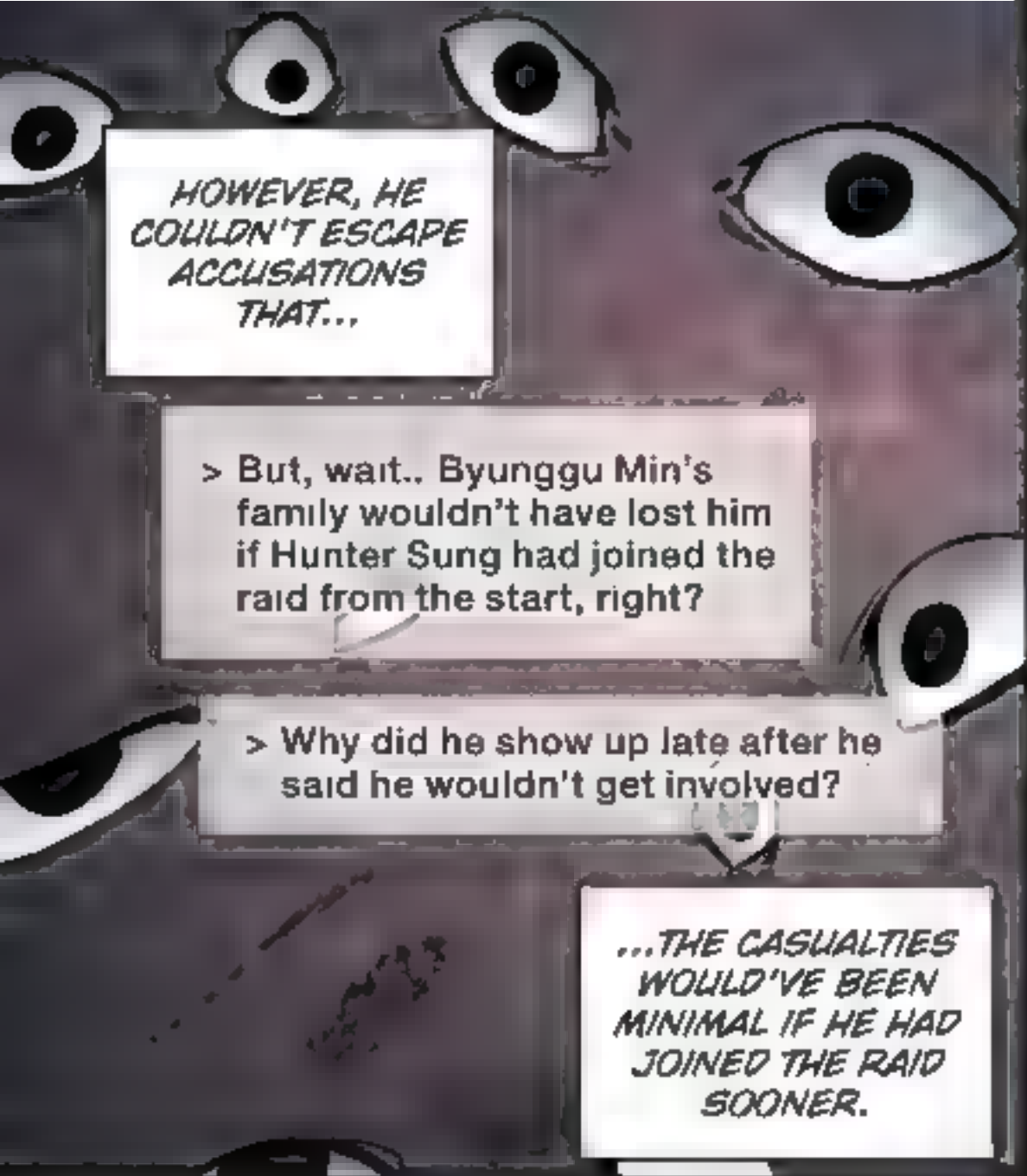
> Most people don't realize that Jinwoo is a reawakened being.

> 'Cos he asked for his information to stay confidential, so...



SINCE TALK OF THE RAID WAS ON EVERYONE'S LIPS, IT FLOODED ALL THE ONLINE FORUMS...

...AND JINWOO'S NAME WAS BROUGHT UP IN EVERY CONVERSATION.

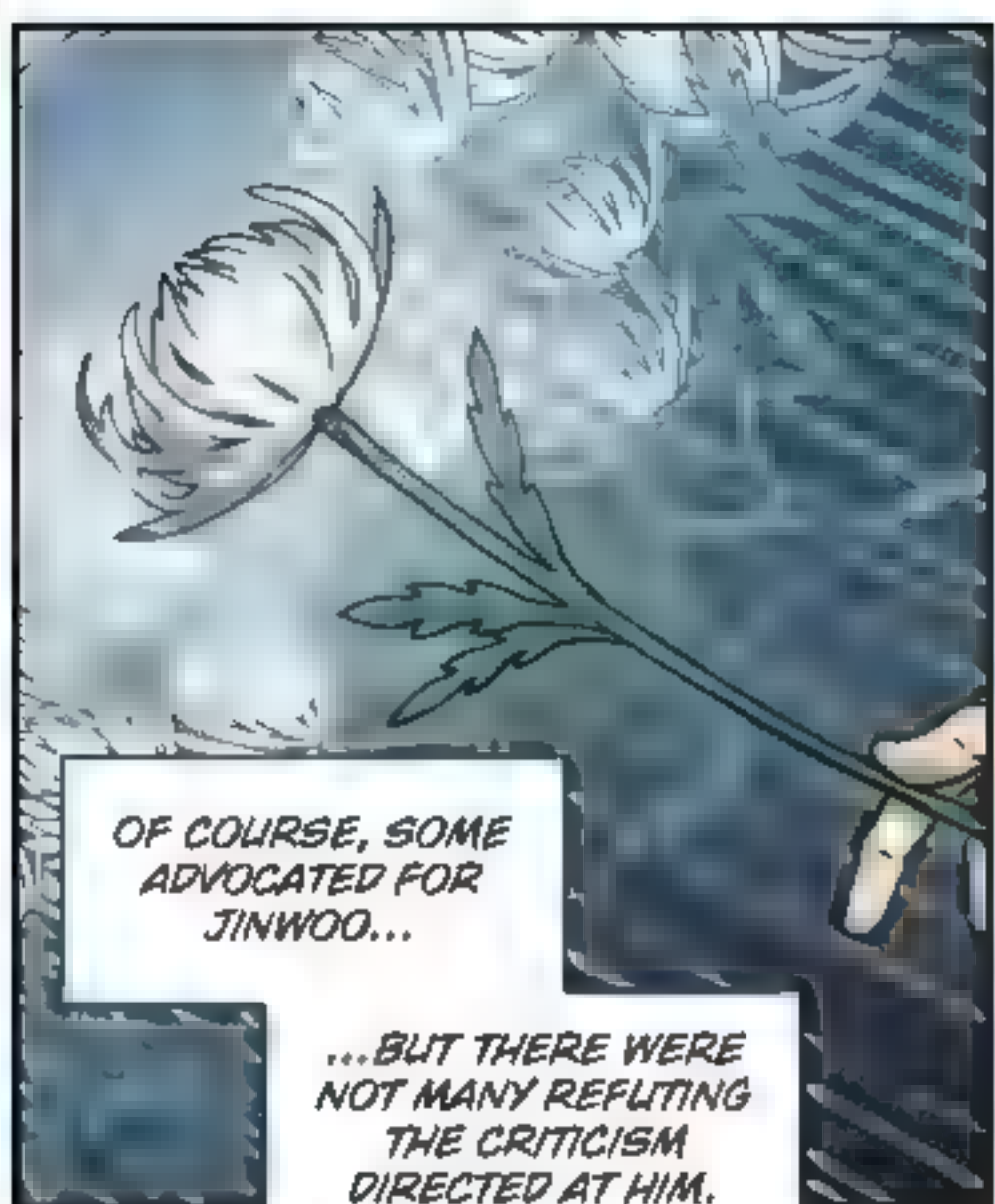


HOWEVER, HE
COULDN'T ESCAPE
ACCUSATIONS
THAT...

> But, wait.. Byunggu Min's
family wouldn't have lost him
if Hunter Sung had joined the
raid from the start, right?

> Why did he show up late after he
said he wouldn't get involved?

...THE CASUALTIES
WOULD'VE BEEN
MINIMAL IF HE HAD
JOINED THE RAID
SOONER.



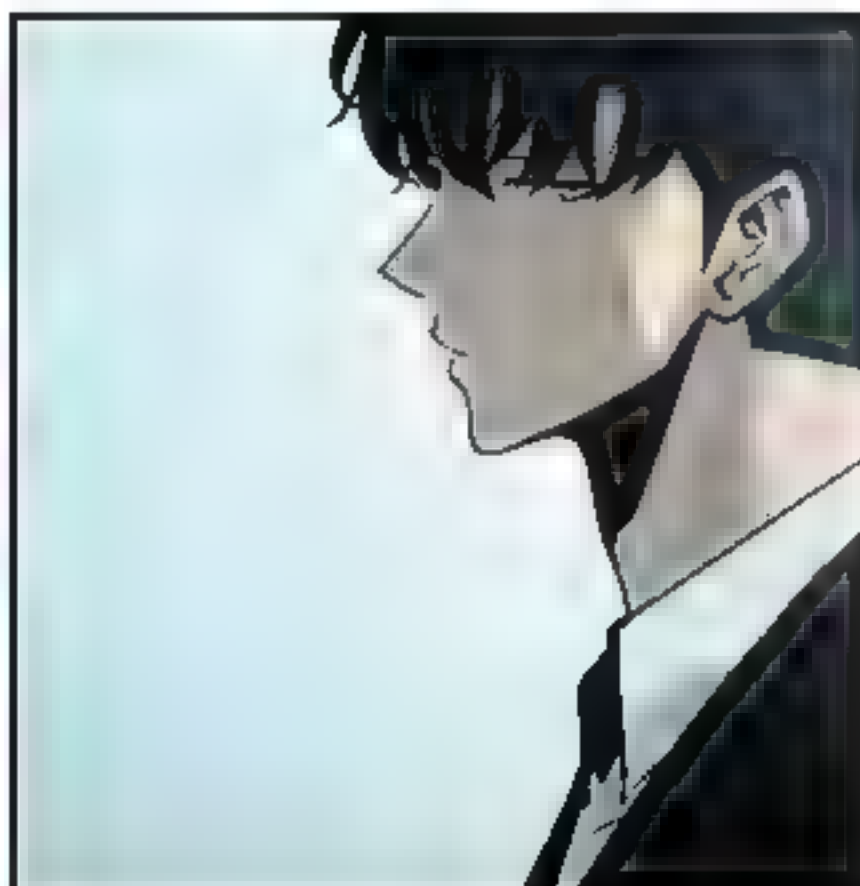
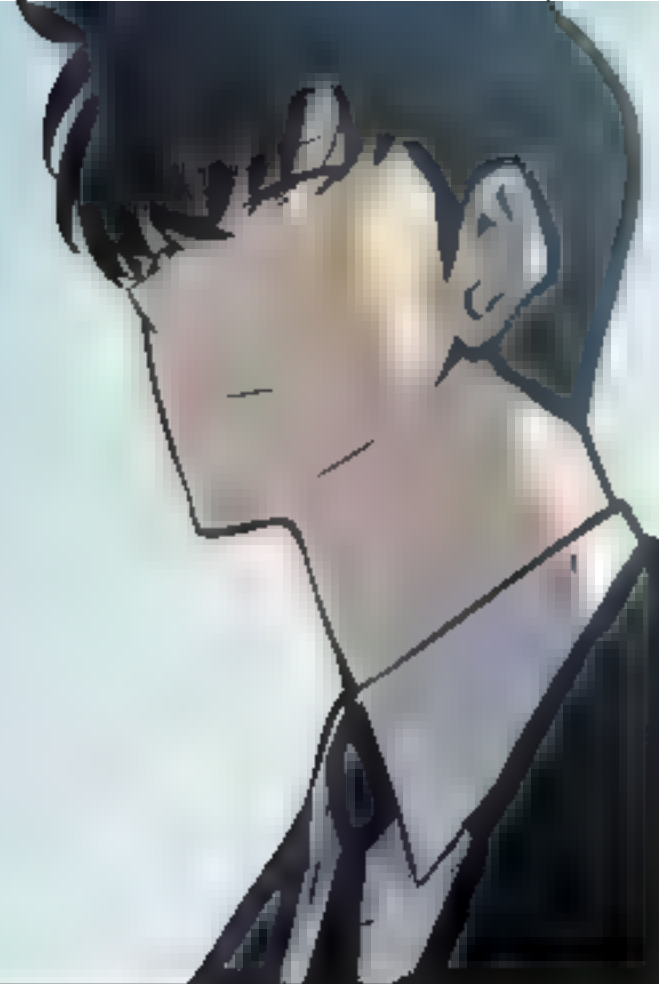
OF COURSE, SOME
ADVOCATED FOR
JINWOO...

...BUT THERE WERE
NOT MANY REFUTING
THE CRITICISM
DIRECTED AT HIM.

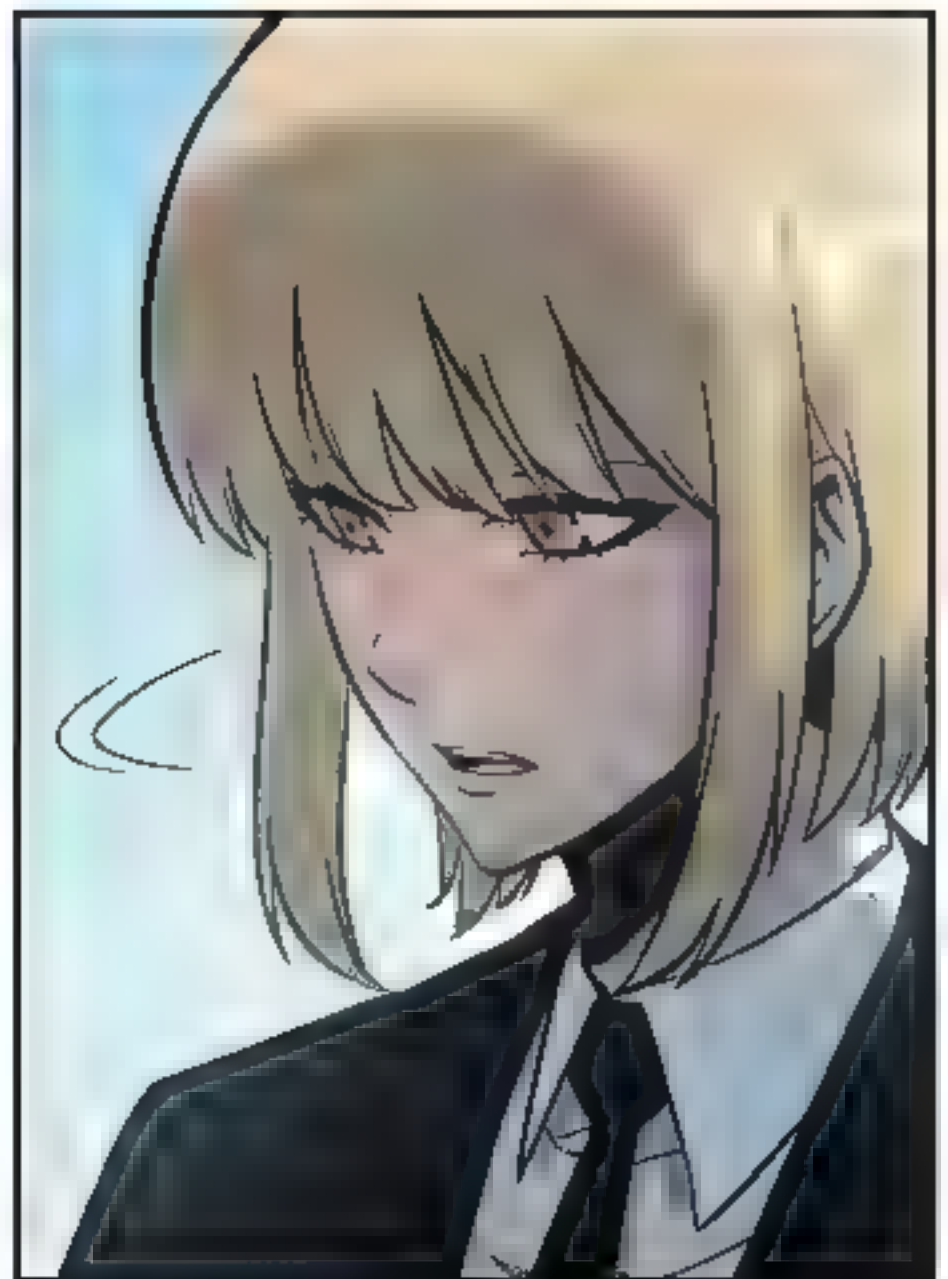


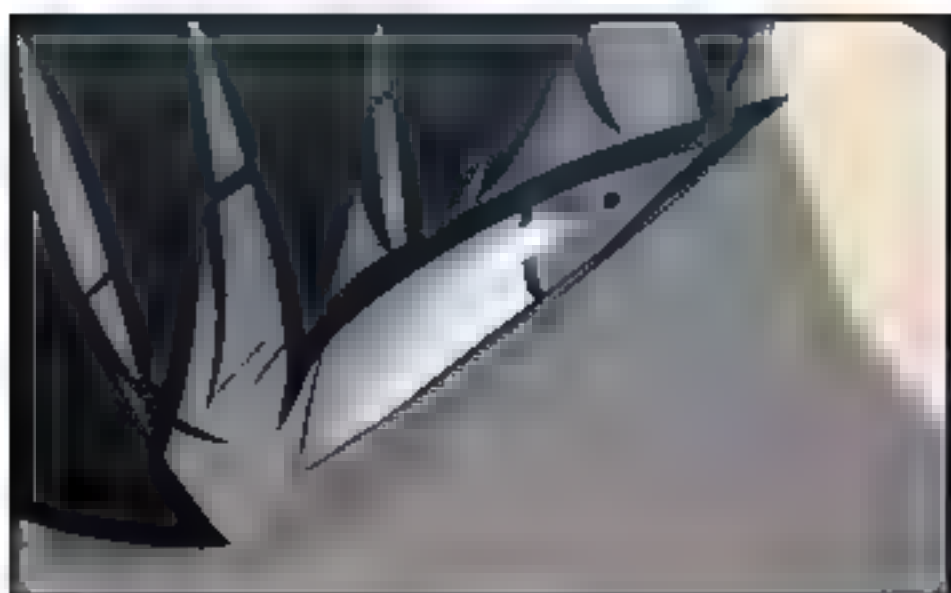
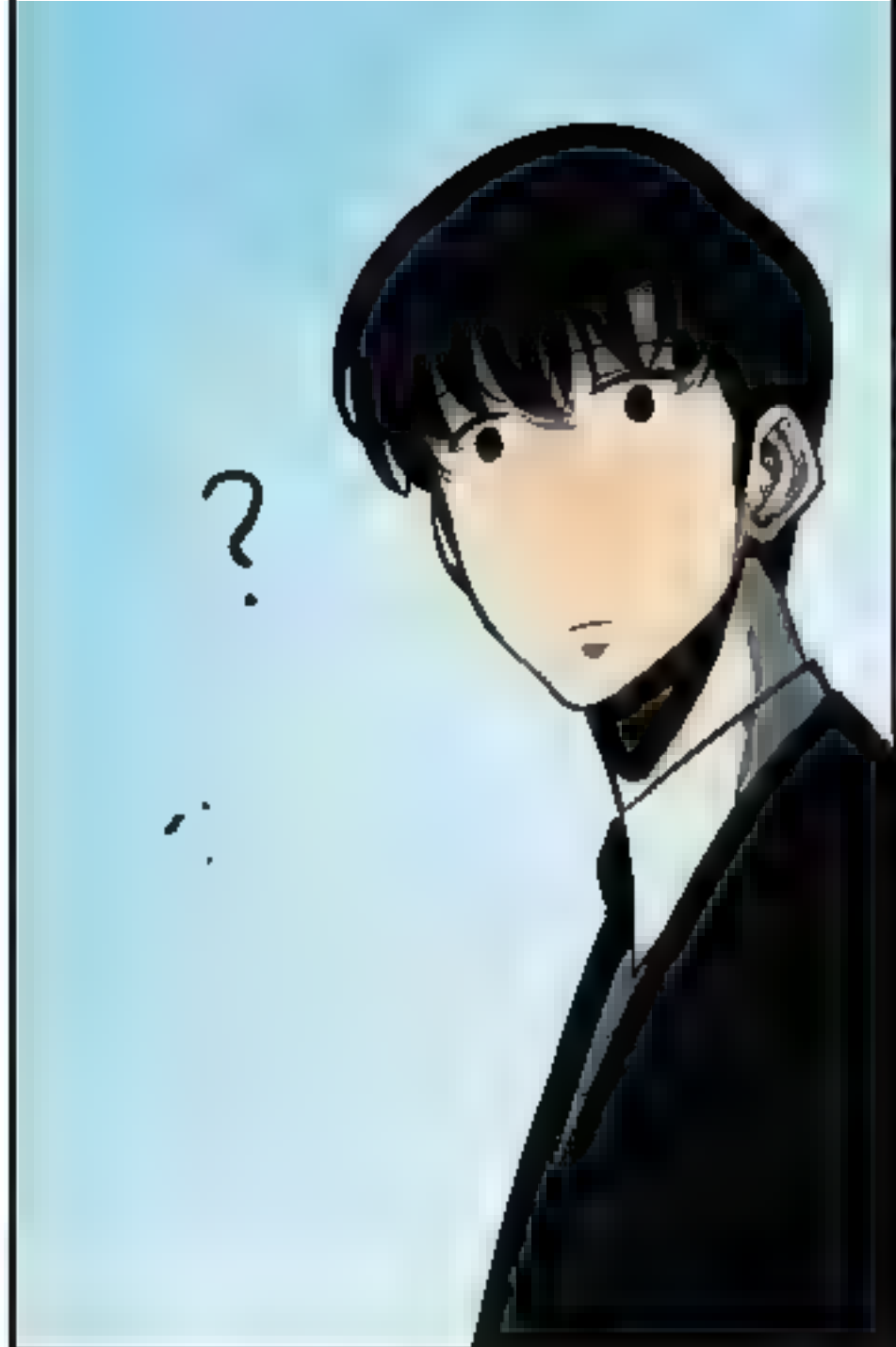


THAT HIS DELAY
RESULTED IN
CASUALTIES WAS
SIMPLE FACT.







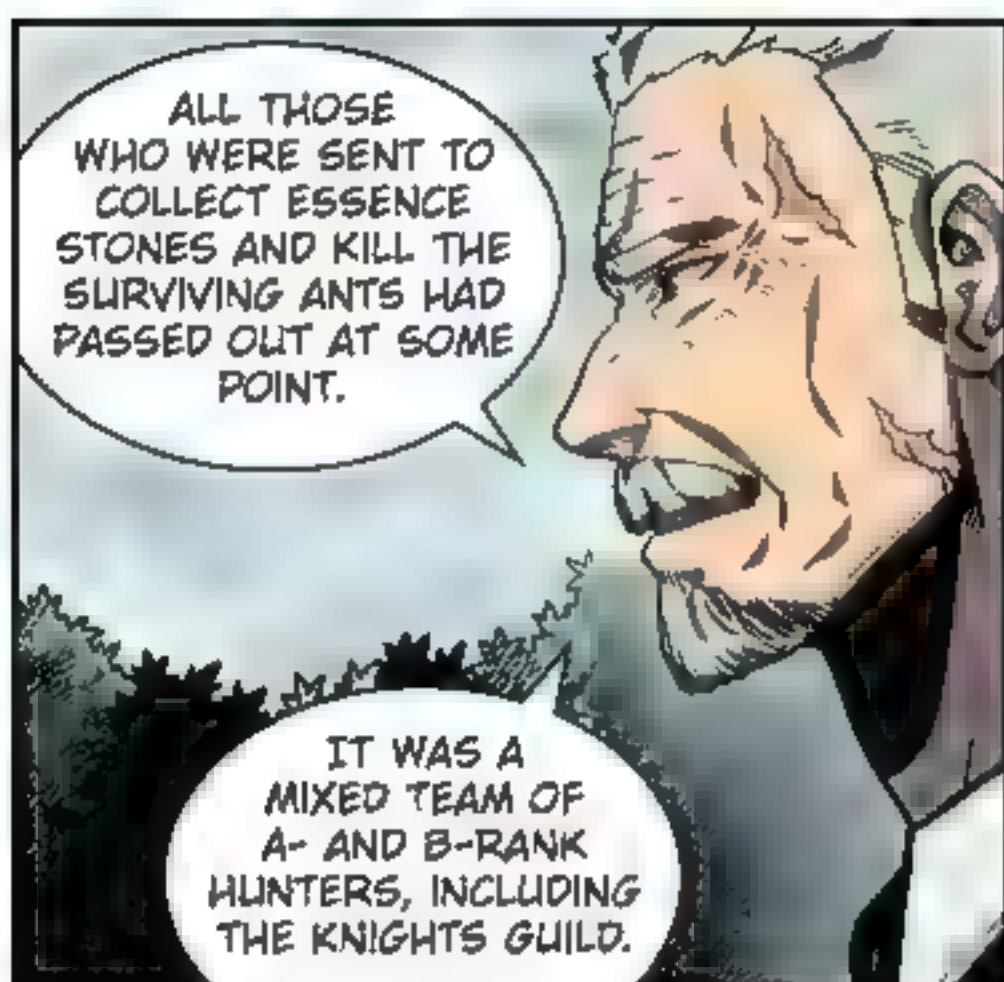
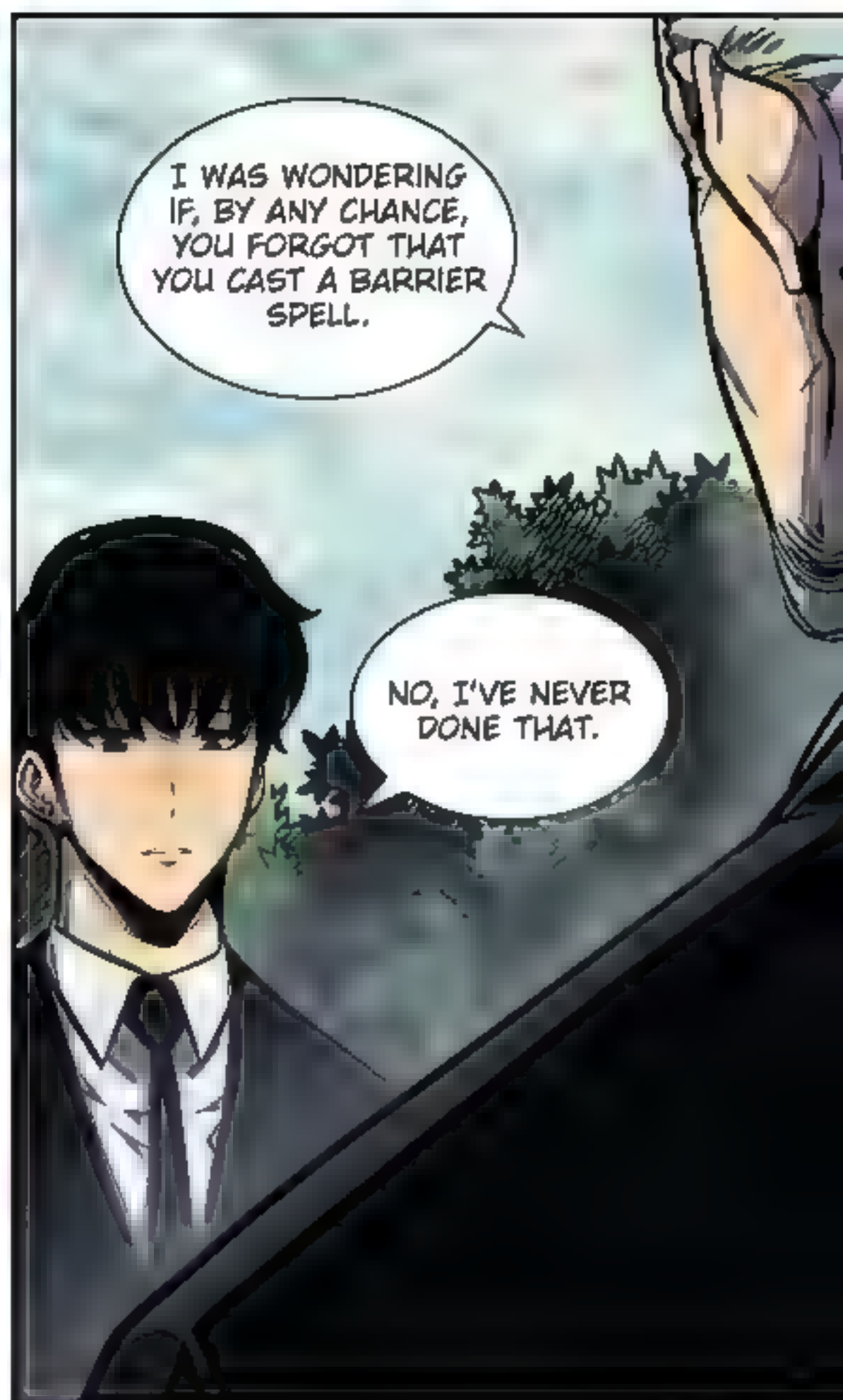
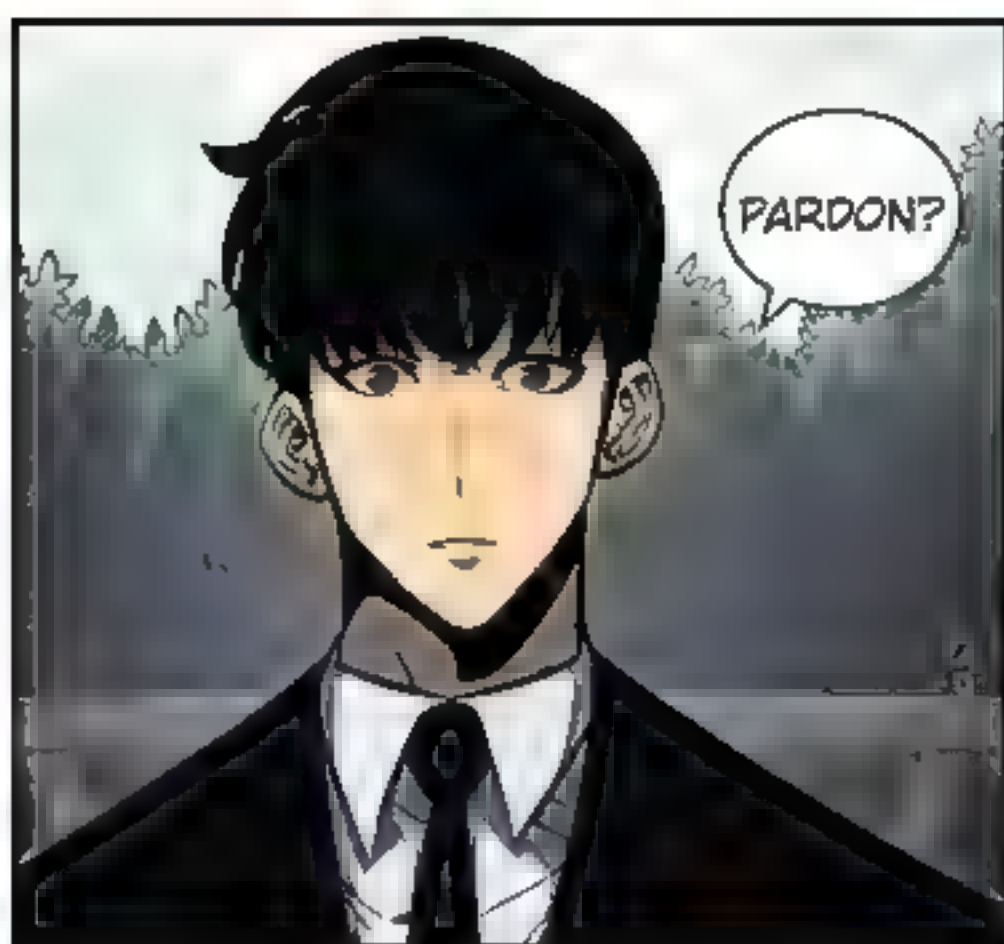
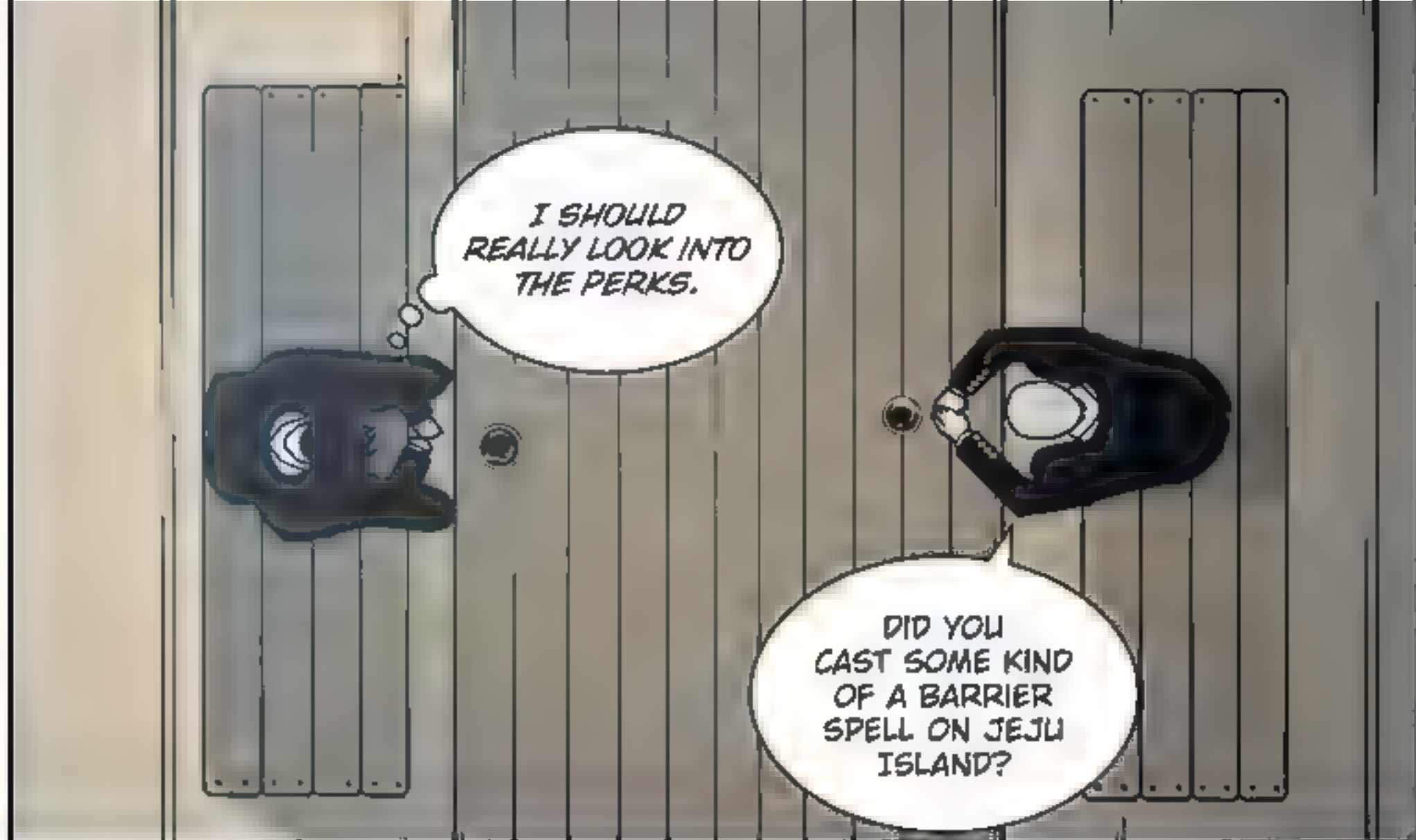


THE FIFTH JEJU ISLAND
RAID. A TOTAL OF 4,801
HUNTERS PARTICIPATED.
728 REGULAR
AWAKENED BEINGS
WERE MOBILIZED.

64 AWAKENED
BEINGS AND 32
CIVILIANS WERE
KILLED
OR INJURED.

IT WAS A TRAGIC ENDING
WITH DEVASTATING
NUMBERS. HOWEVER,
OF THE FOUR RAIDS, IT
WAS THE ONE WITH THE
FEWEST CASUALTIES.



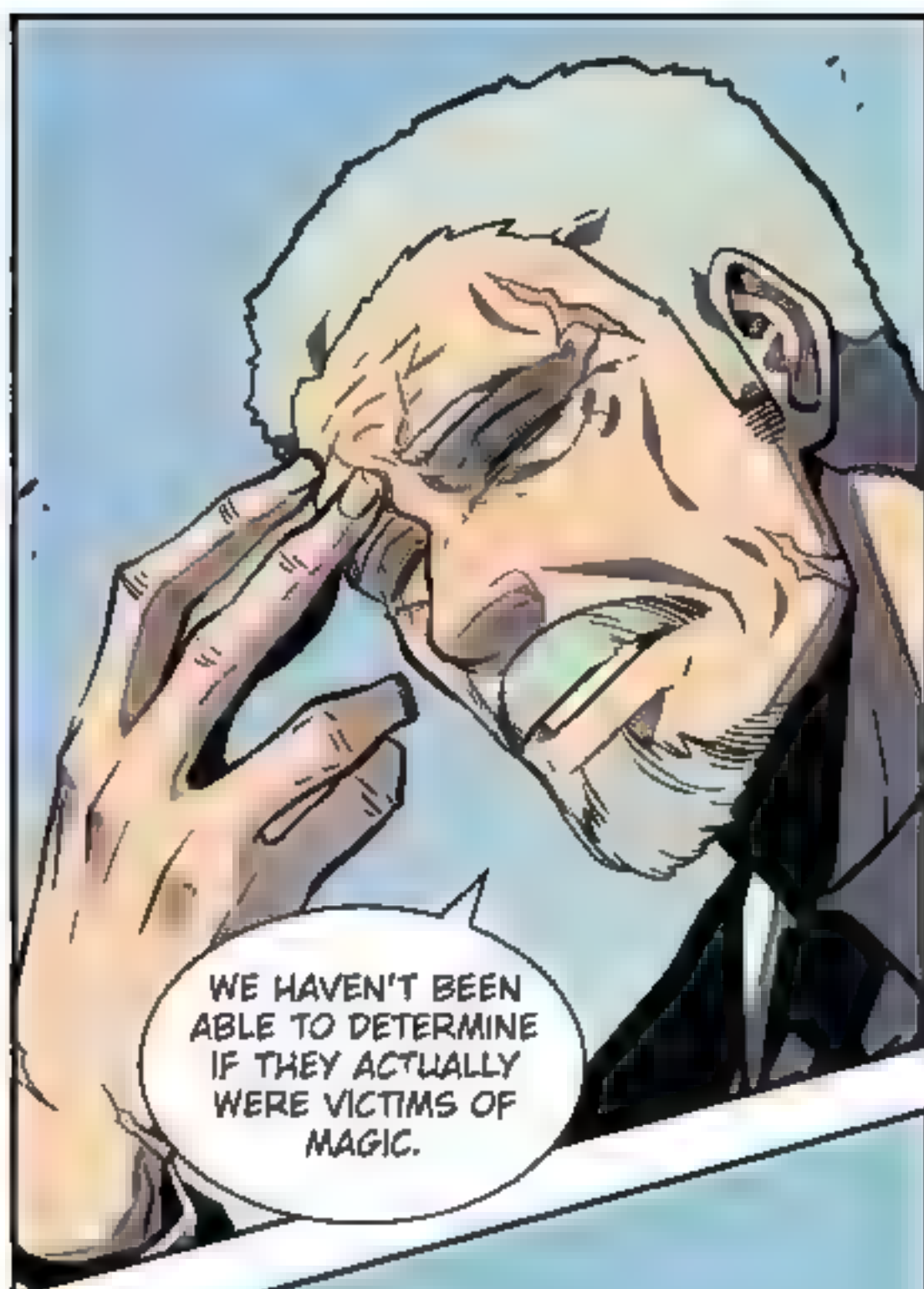




I SEE...
THAT'S WHAT I
THOUGHT.

WHAT DID THE
HUNTERS SAY
ABOUT IT?

THEY CAN'T
SEEM TO REMEMBER
ANYTHING LEADING UP
TO WHEN THEY LOST
CONSCIOUSNESS.



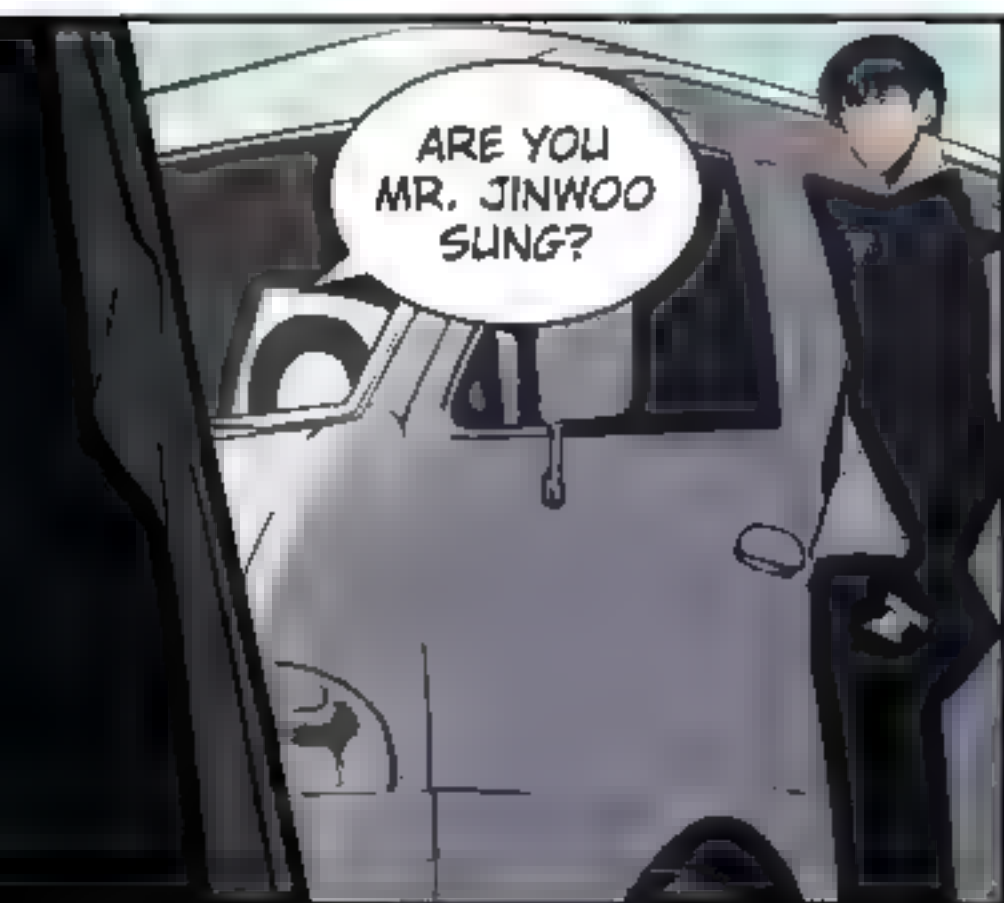
WE HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO DETERMINE
IF THEY ACTUALLY
WERE VICTIMS OF
MAGIC.



.....

COULD IT
HAVE BEEN SOME
KIND OF TRAP THE
ANTS SET?





ARE YOU
MR. JINWOO
SUNG?



HOW ARE
YOU, HUNTER
SUNG?

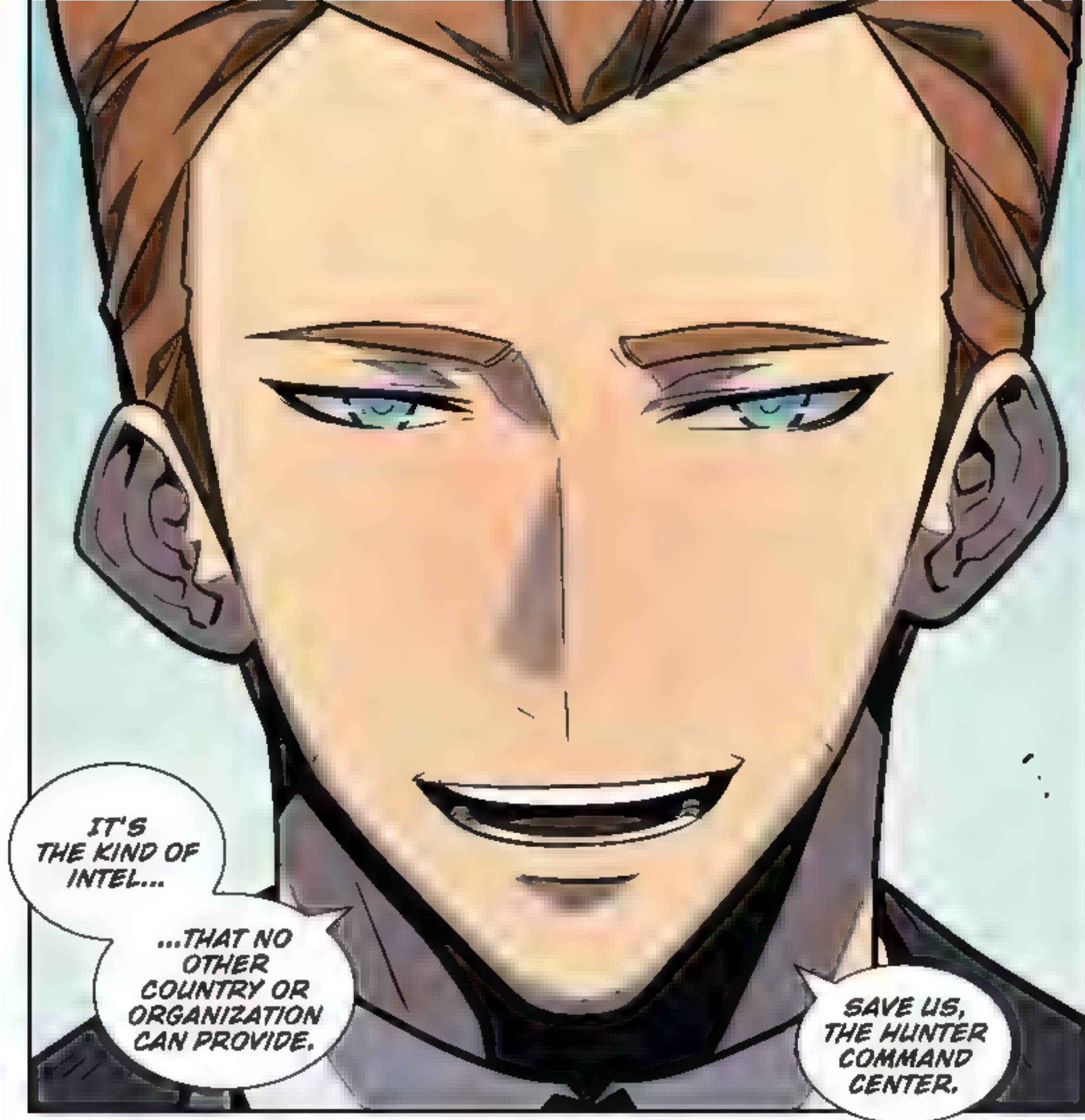
I AM ADAM WHITE,
SENIOR AGENT OF THE
HUNTER COMMAND
CENTER IN THE UNITED
STATES.



HUNTER
COMMAND
CENTER?

PLEASE JUST
CALL ME ADAM.





IT'S
THE KIND OF
INTEL...

...THAT NO
OTHER
COUNTRY OR
ORGANIZATION
CAN PROVIDE.

SAVE US,
THE HUNTER
COMMAND
CENTER.



WHY GIVE ME
SUCH IMPORTANT
INFORMATION?



WHEN IT
COMES TO CERTAIN
EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE,
THERE ARE BENEFITS
WE CAN REAP BY
SIMPLY PROVIDING
INFORMATION.



ORIGINALLY, I WAS GOING TO MEET YOU ALONE, BUT OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WANTED TO SEE YOU IN PERSON...

...AFTER YOUR IMPRESSIVE SHOWING IN THE JEJU ISLAND RAID.

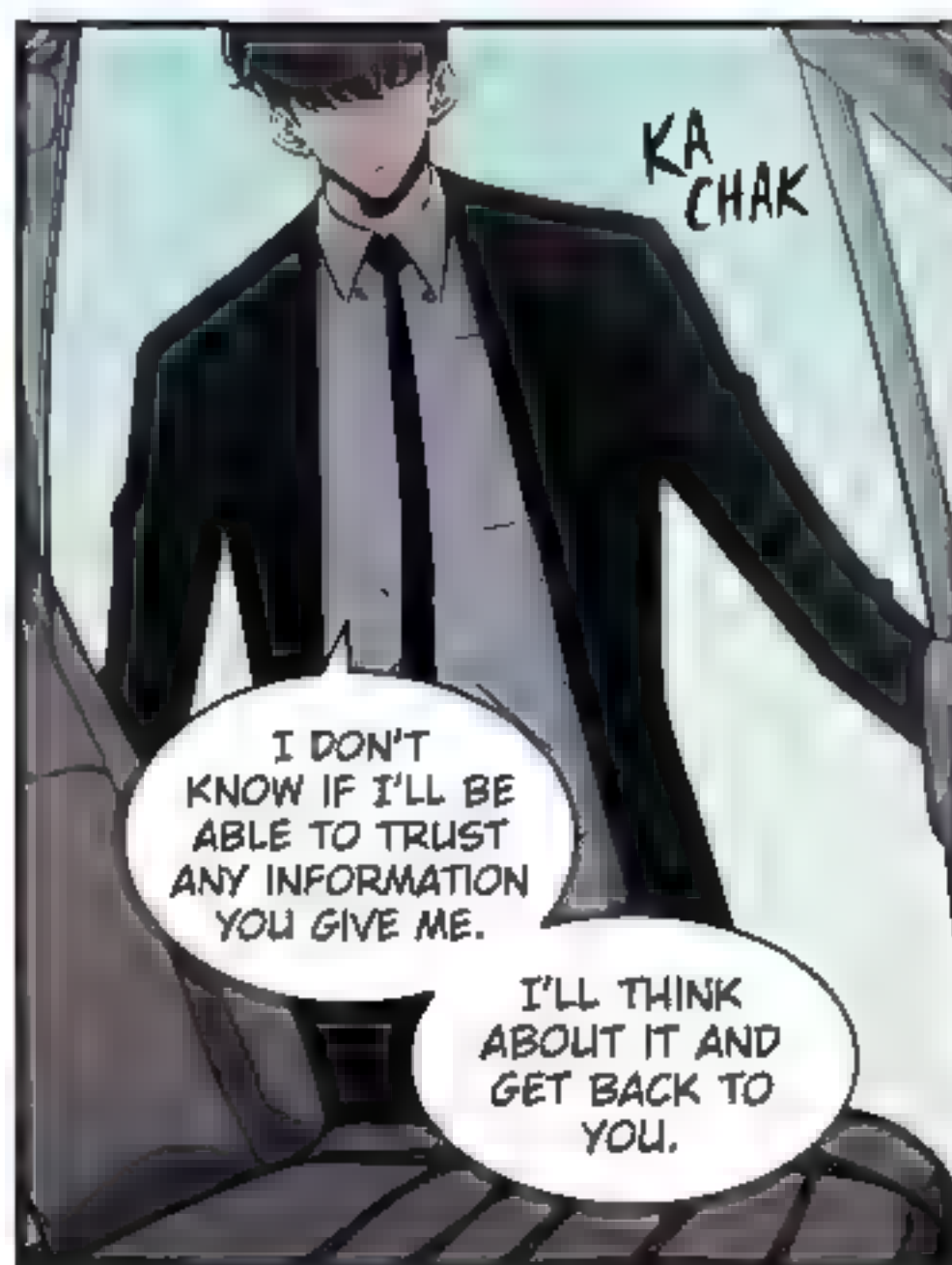
IT'S QUITE UNUSUAL.



INFORMATION...

OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WILL TELL YOU THE REST.

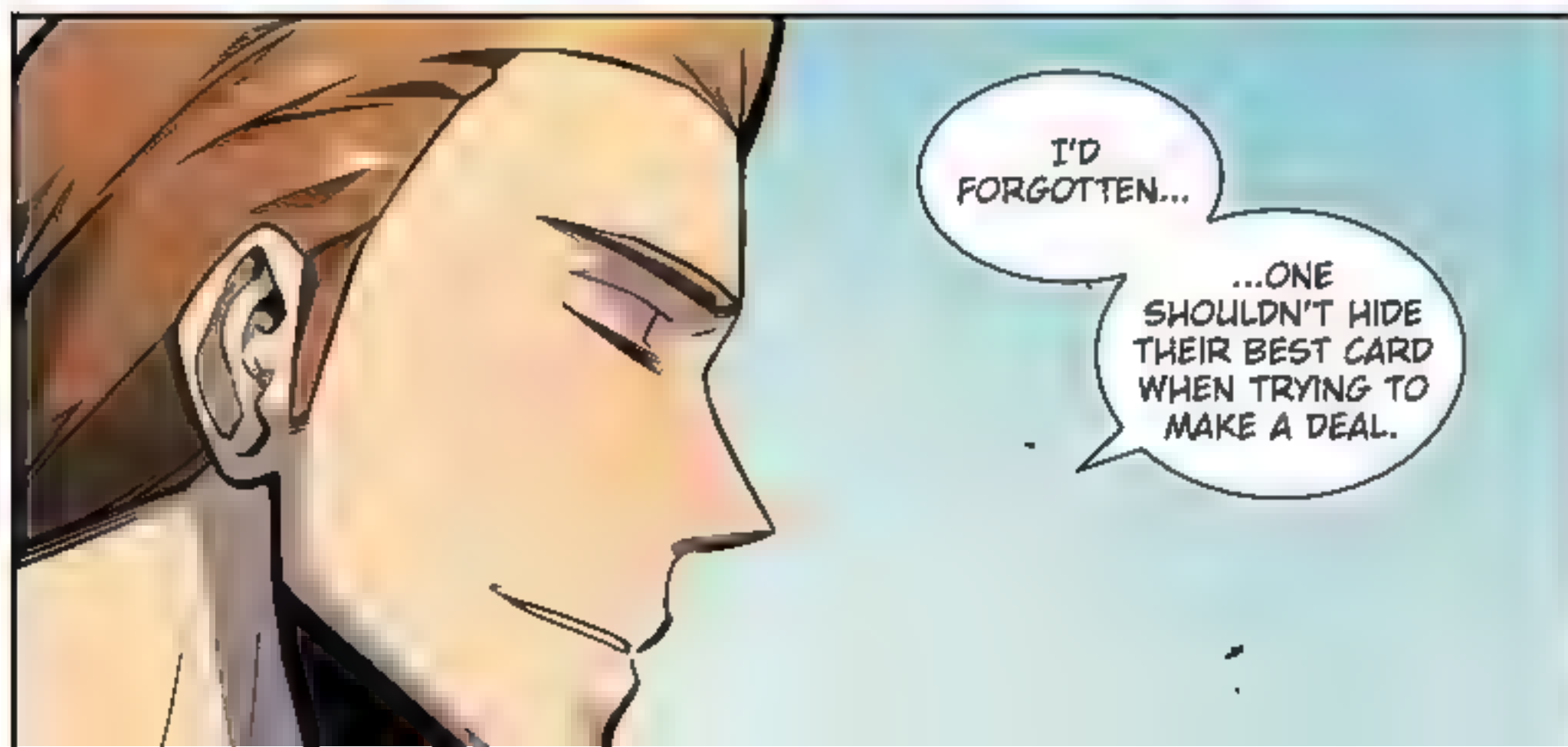
HIS CAR IS NEARBY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET HIM?



KA
CHAK

I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO TRUST ANY INFORMATION YOU GIVE ME.

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT AND GET BACK TO YOU.



I'D FORGOTTEN...

...ONE SHOULDN'T HIDE THEIR BEST CARD WHEN TRYING TO MAKE A DEAL.

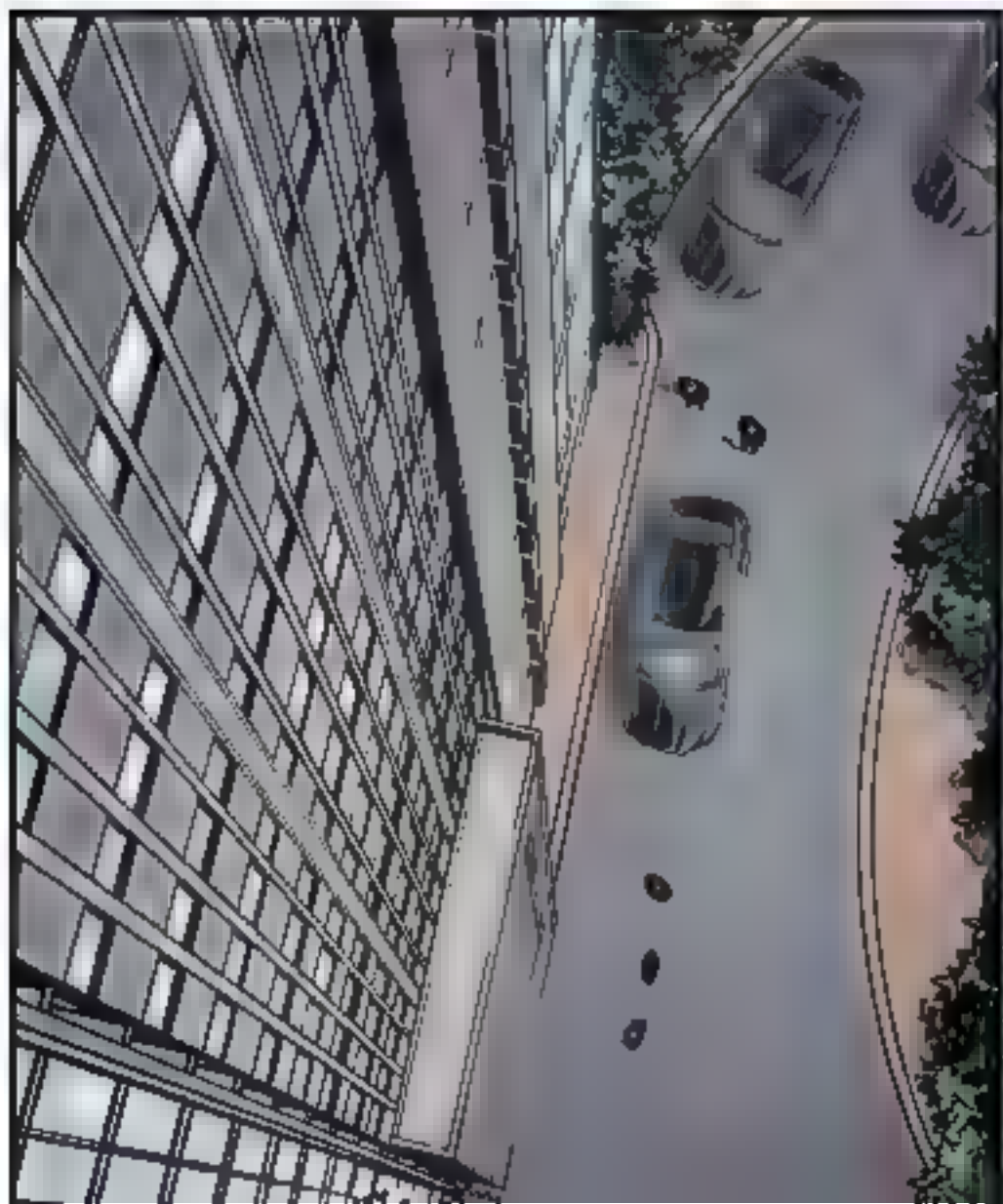
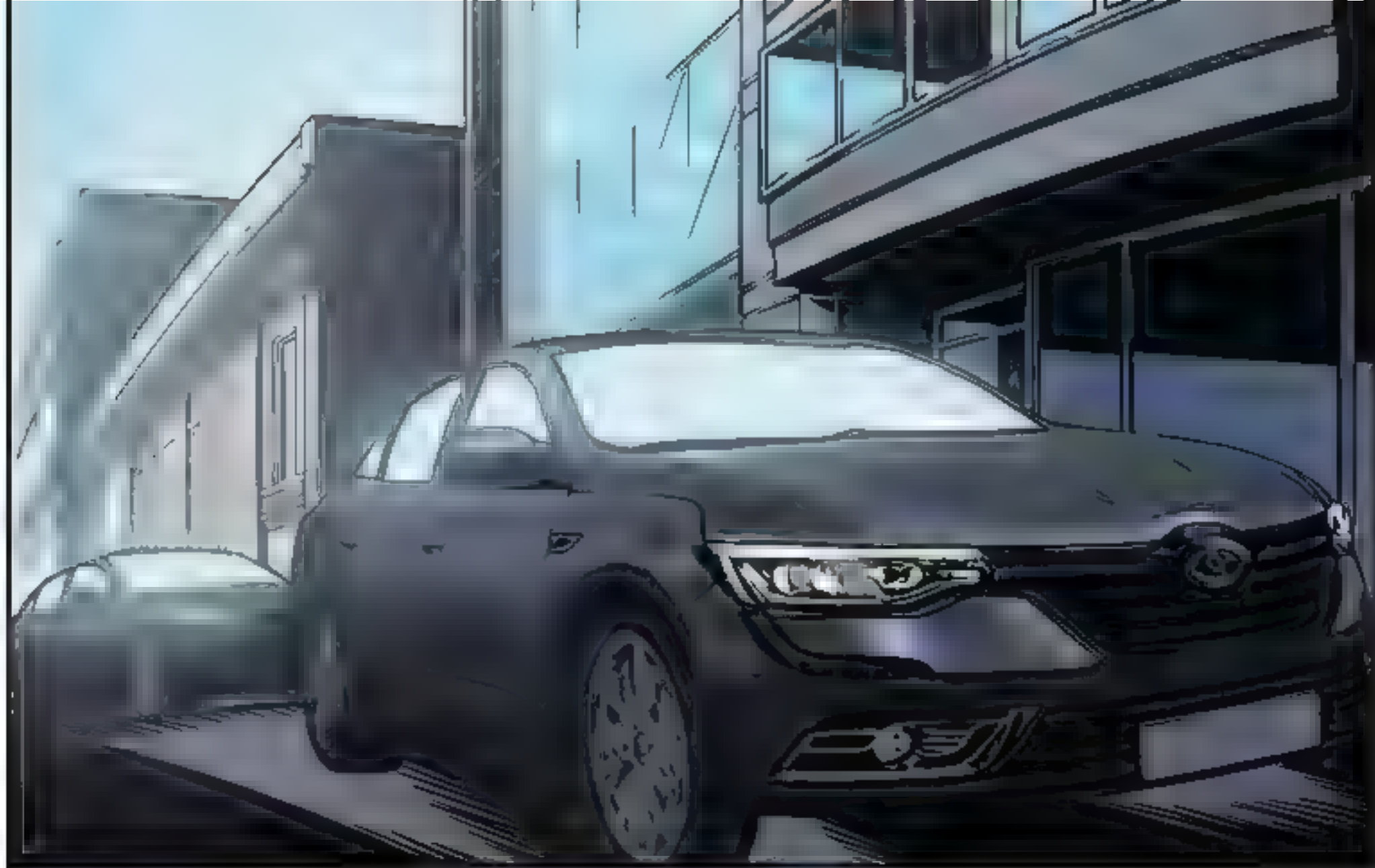


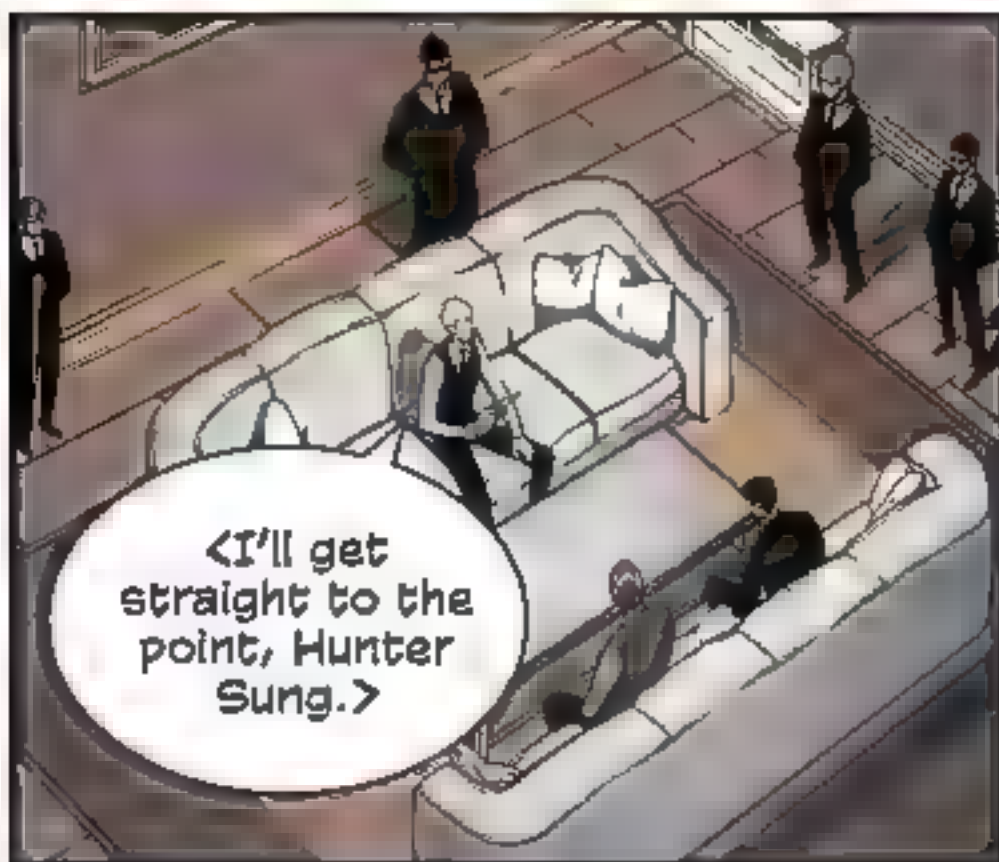
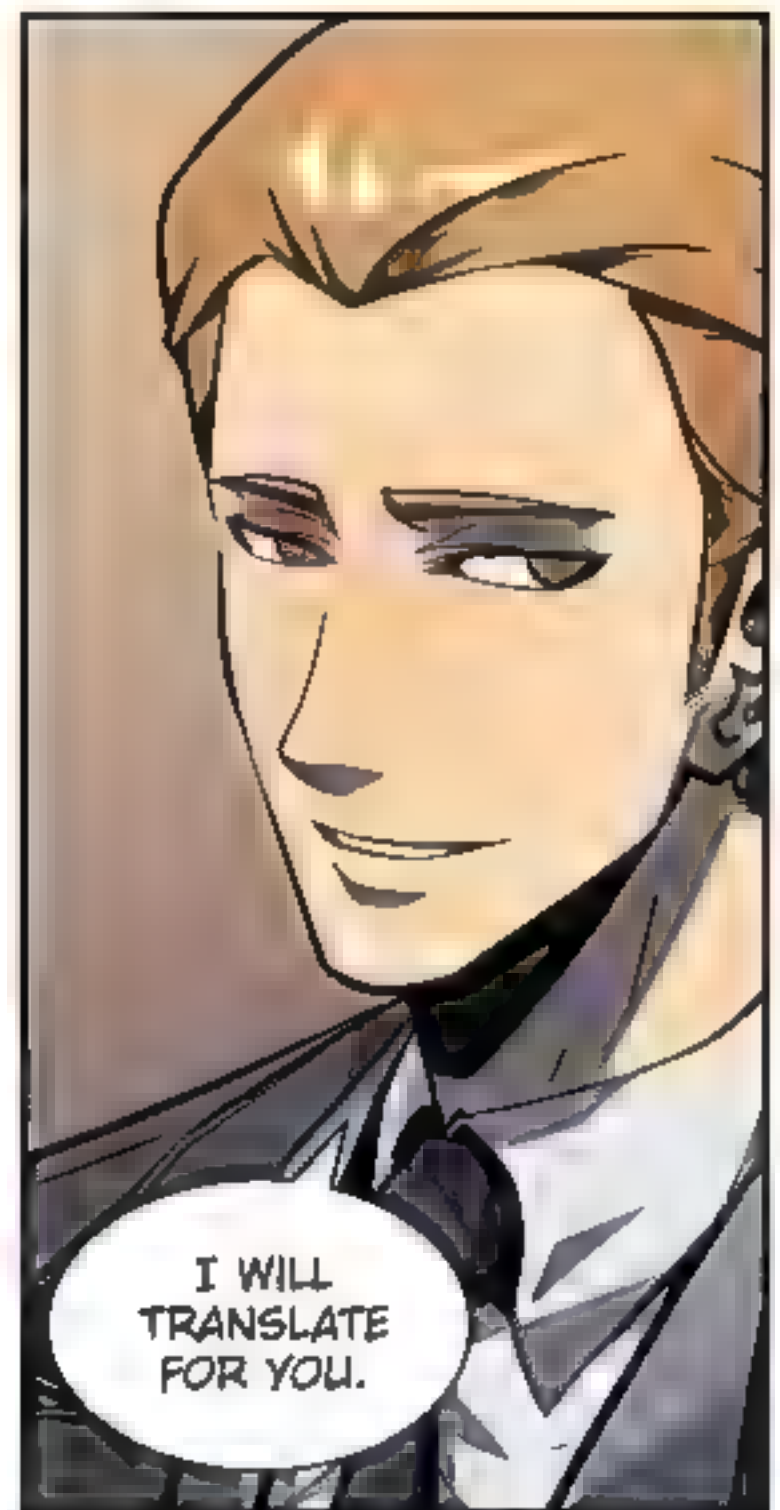
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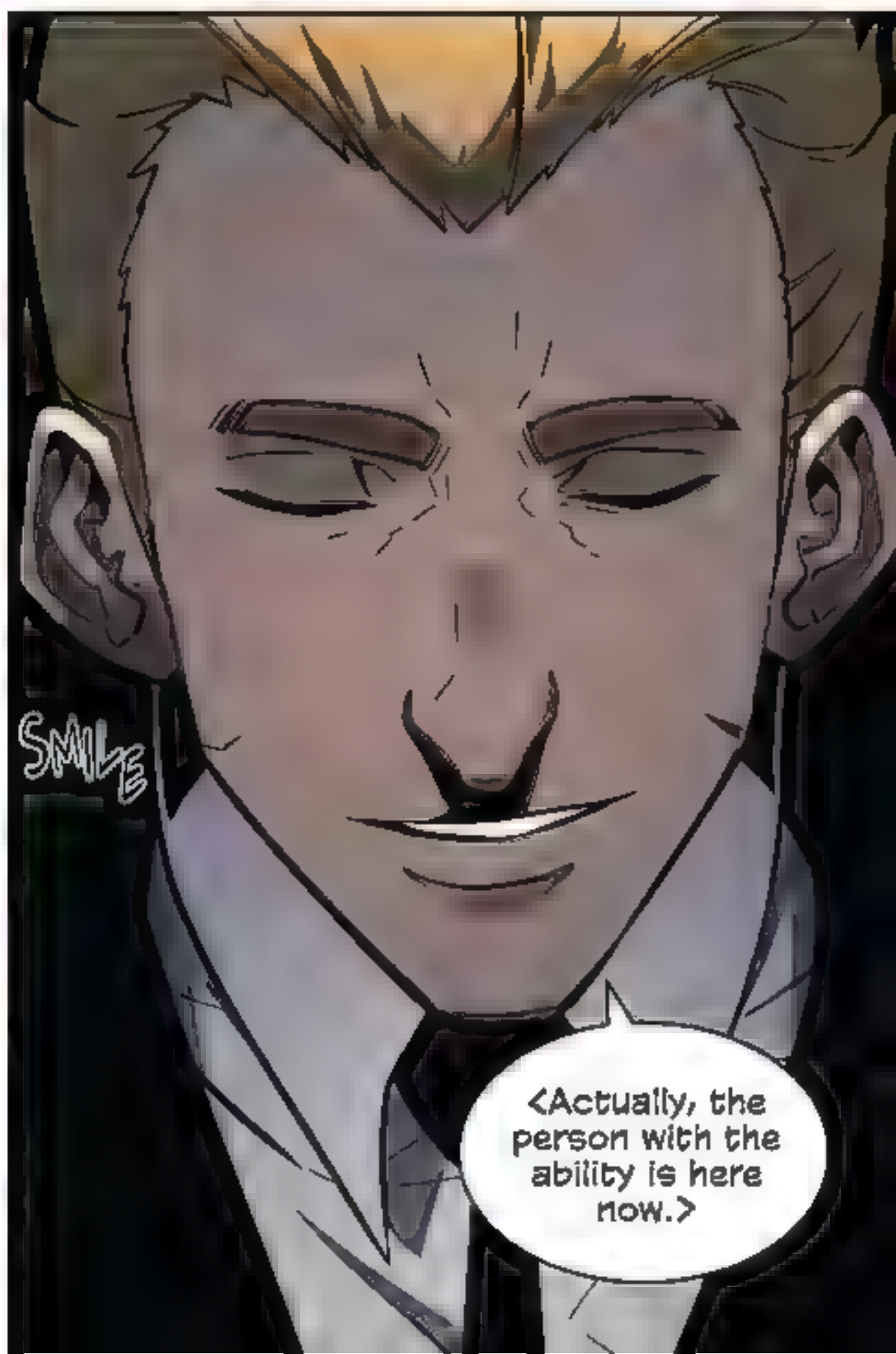
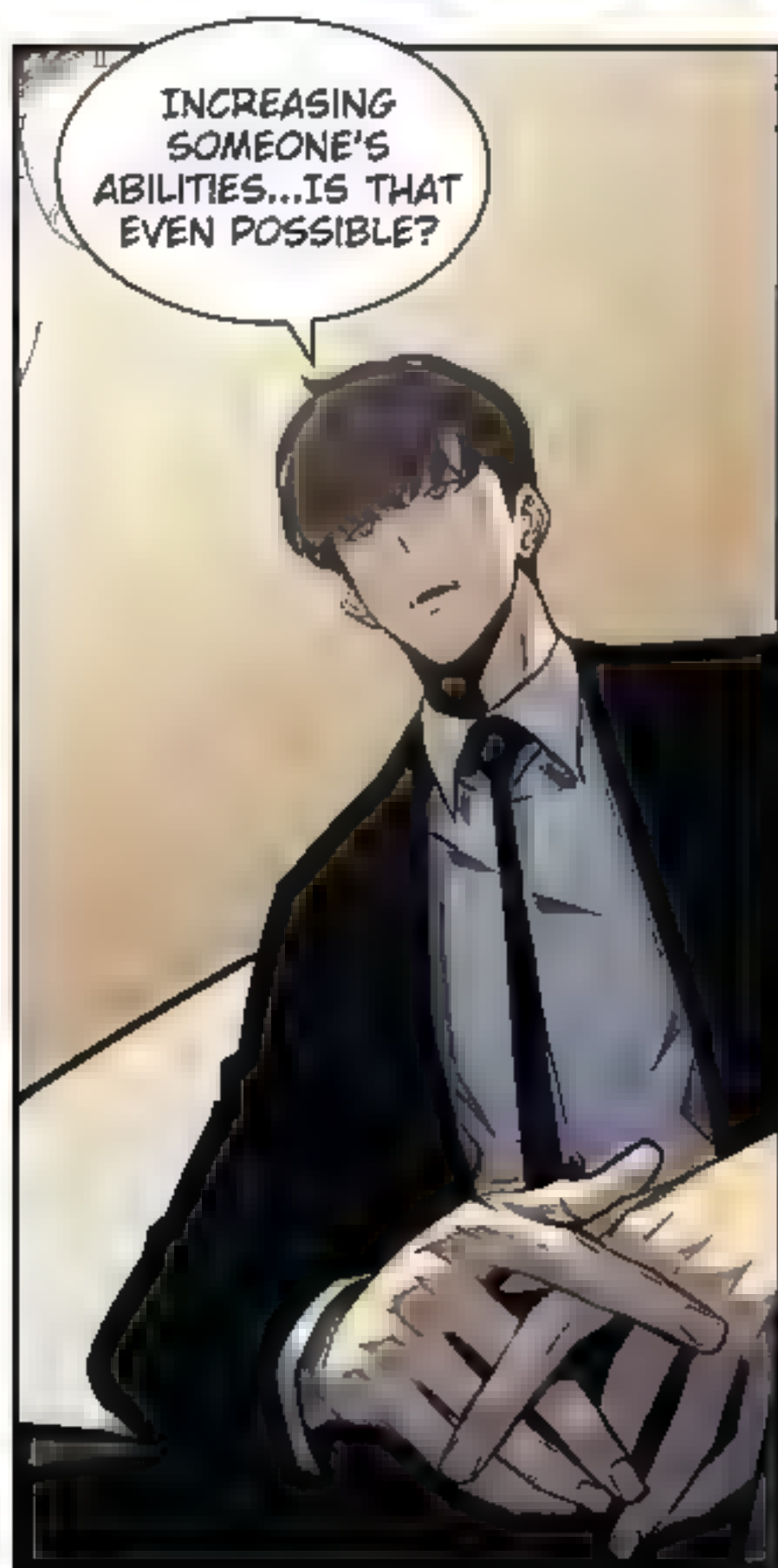
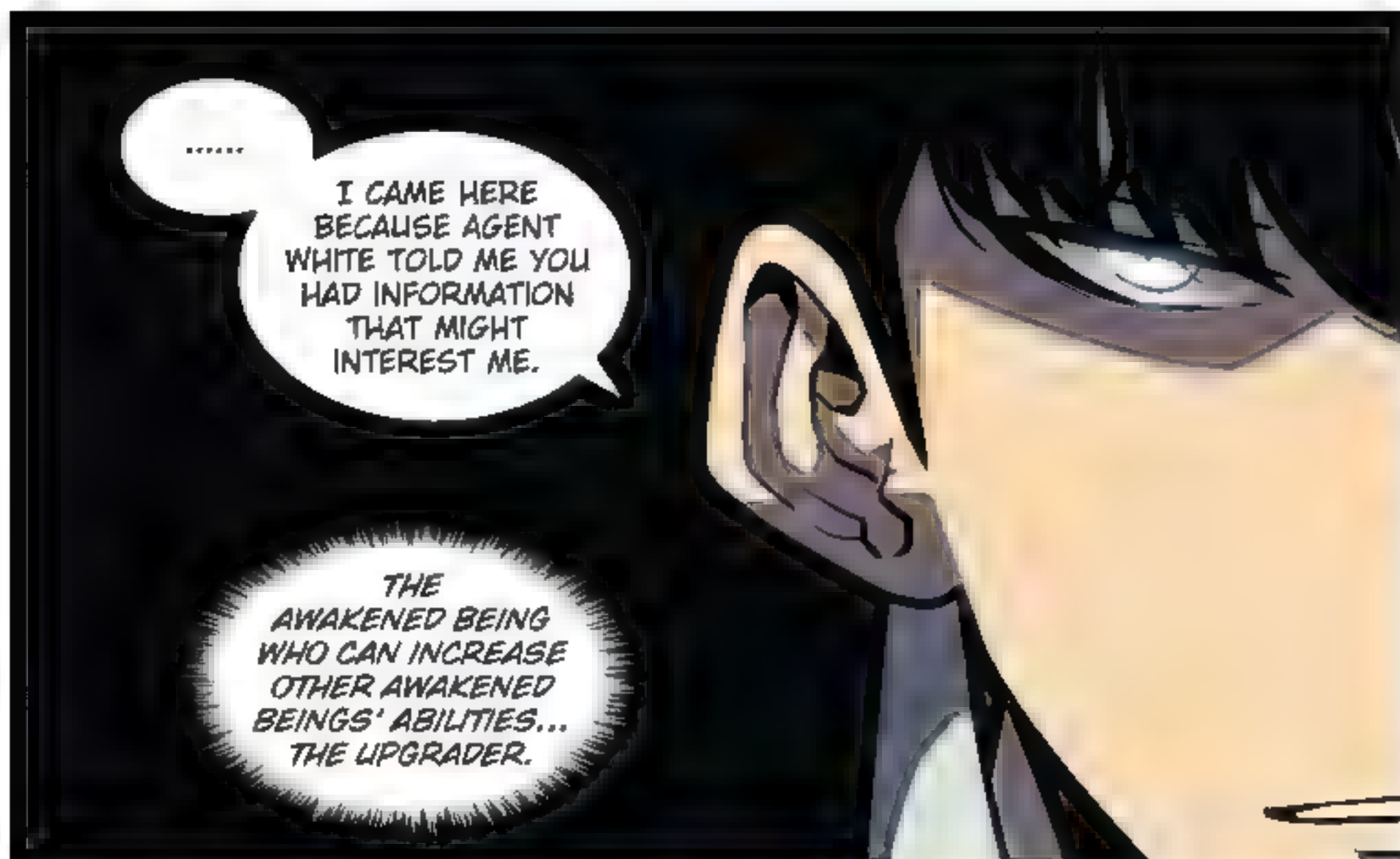
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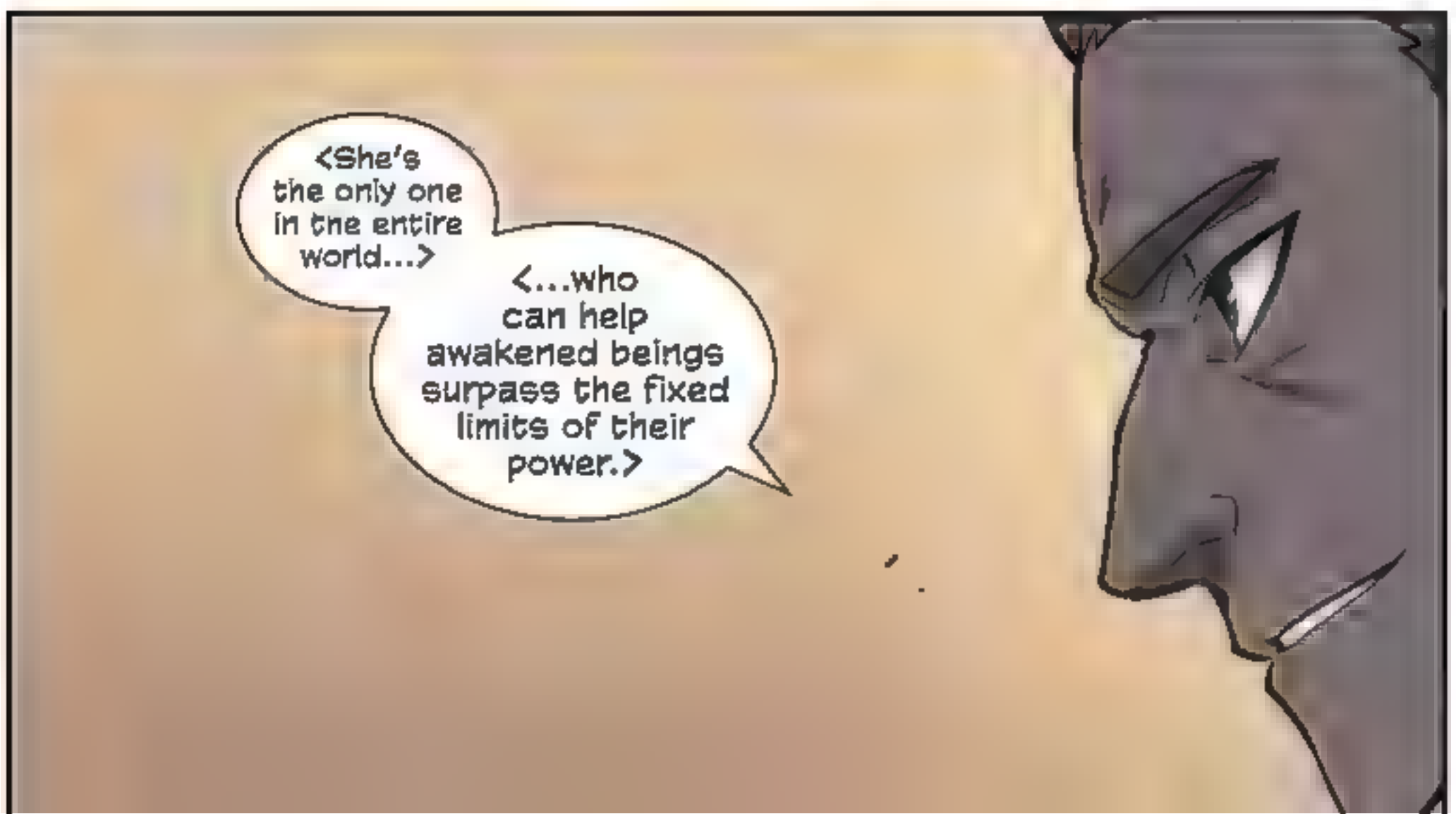
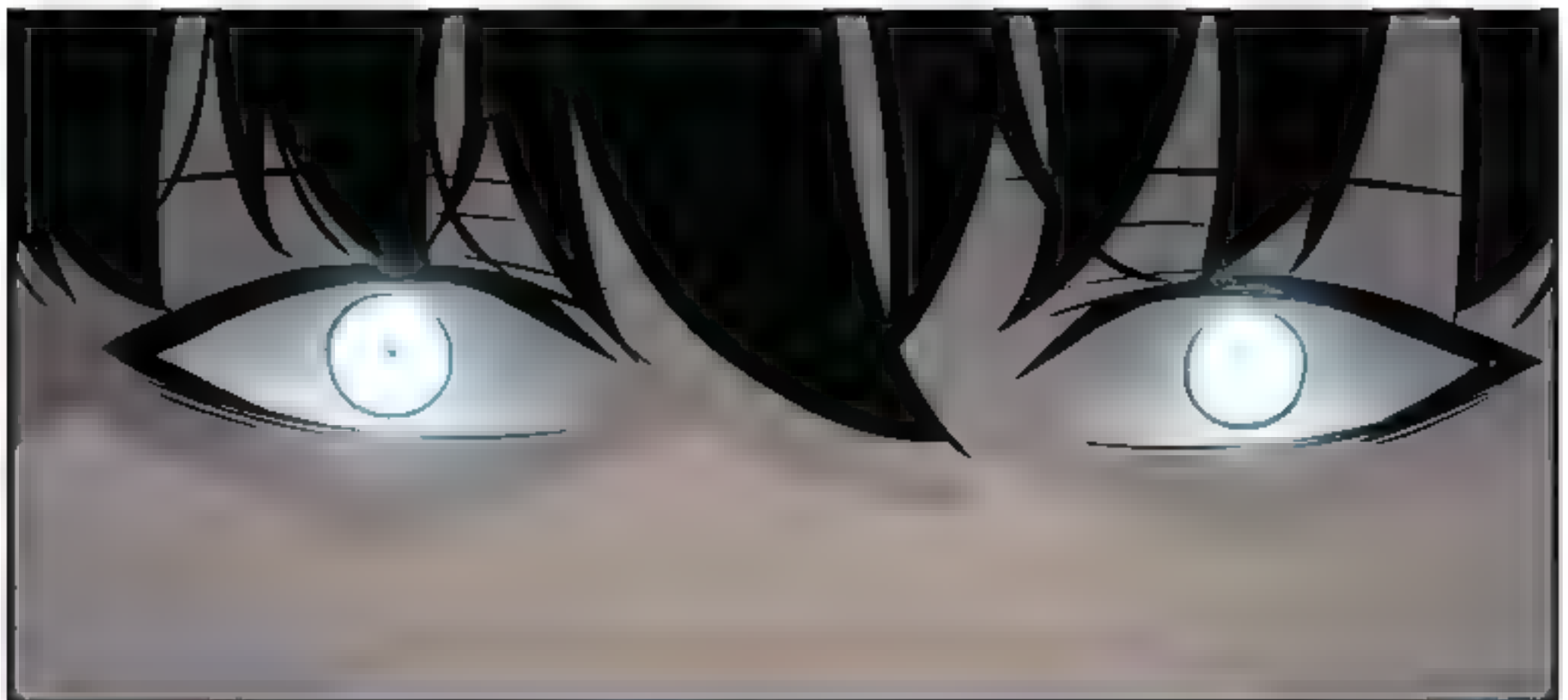


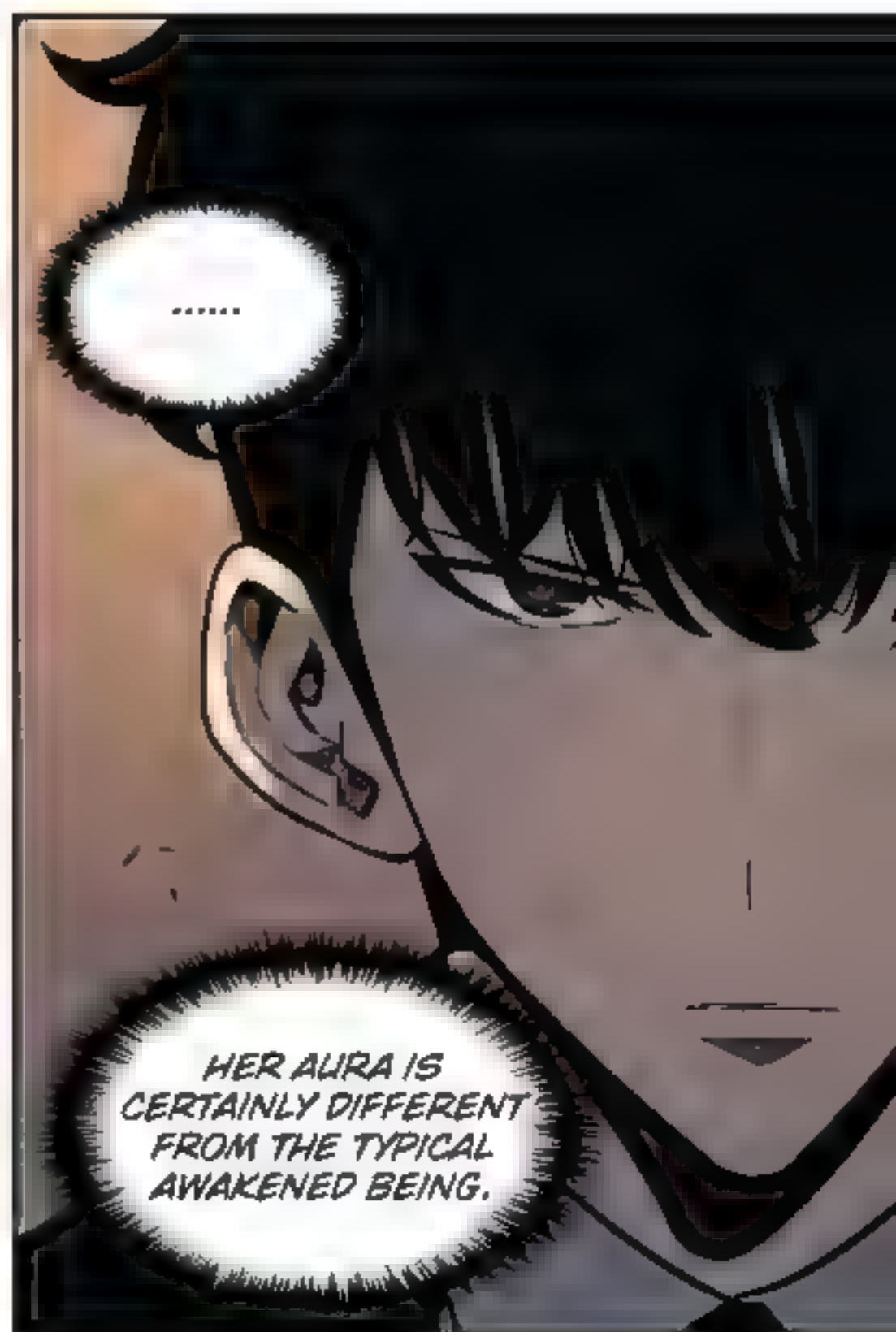
Solo
Leveling















<As you know,
Hunter Sung, all
awakened beings
have set limits to
their power.>

<Limits
they cannot
surpass.>



<That is
why the ranks
of awakened
beings never
change...>

<...unless
they have a
reawakening.>

<Every hunter
knows this
basic fact.>



MS.
SELLNER, DOES
THAT MEAN
YOU CAN—?



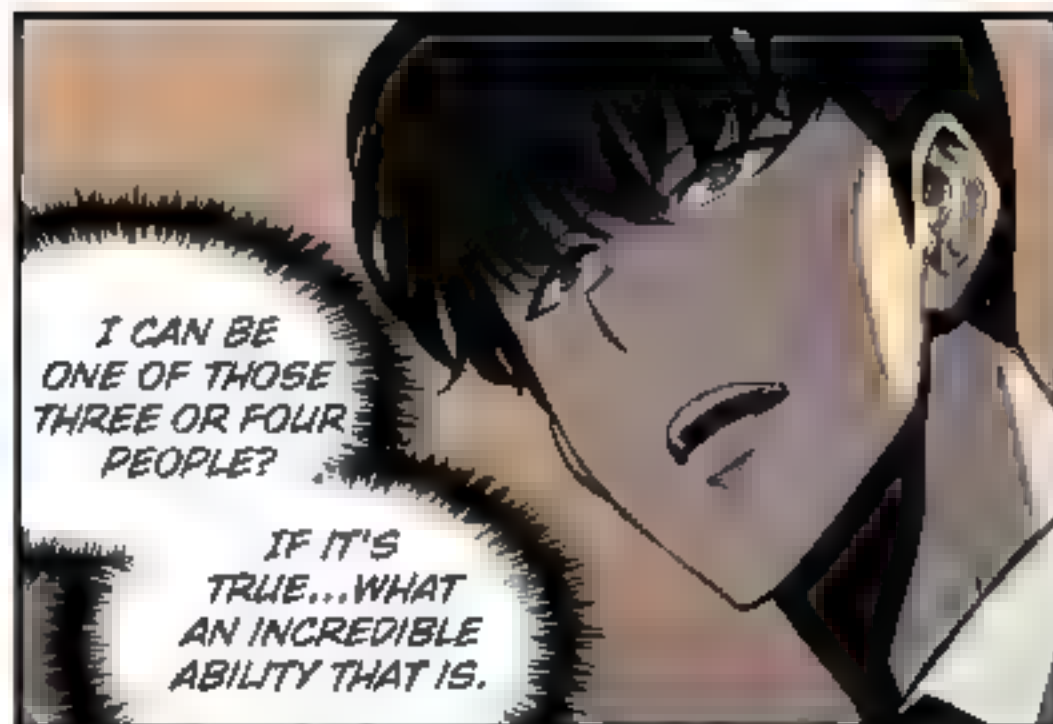
<That's right.
I can enable
hunters to go
beyond their
limits.>

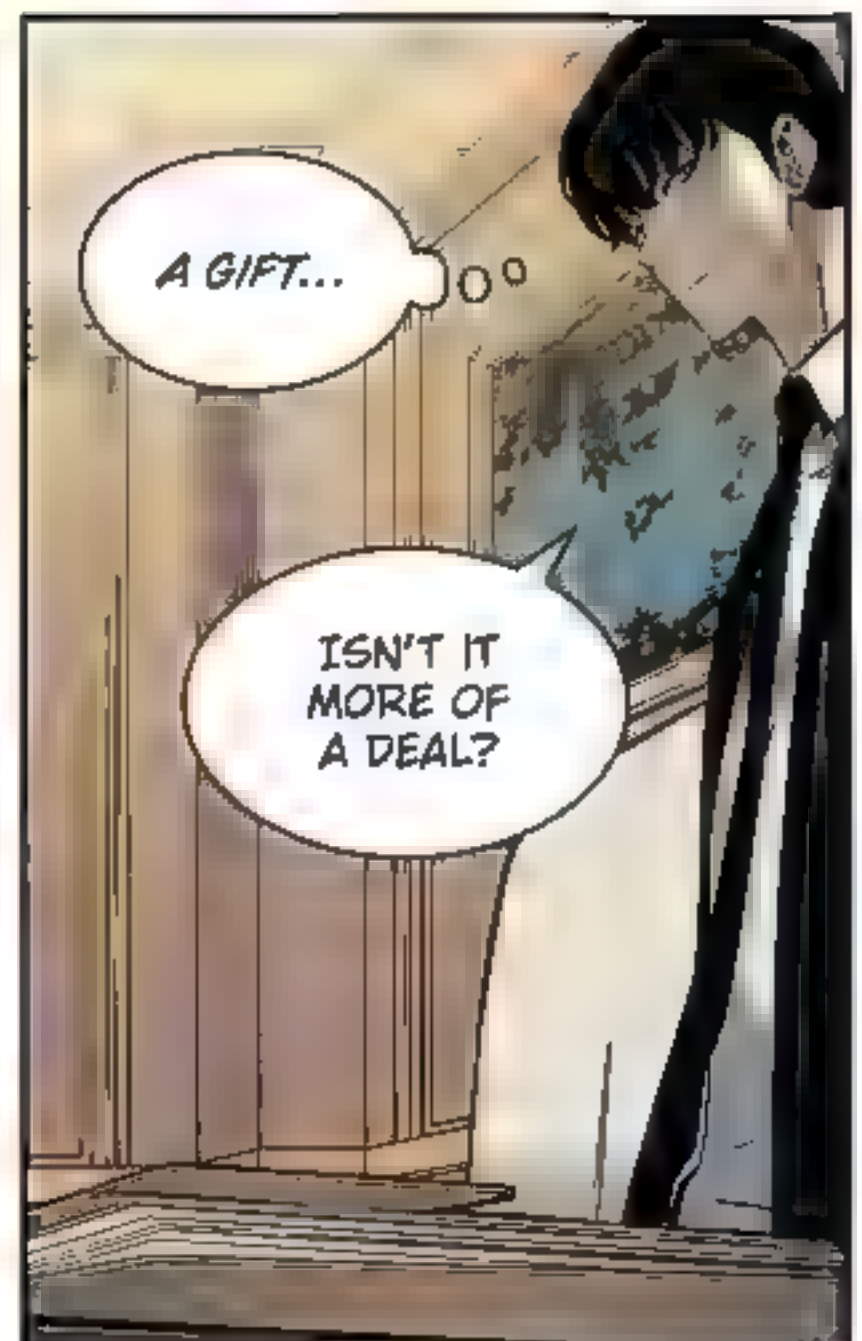
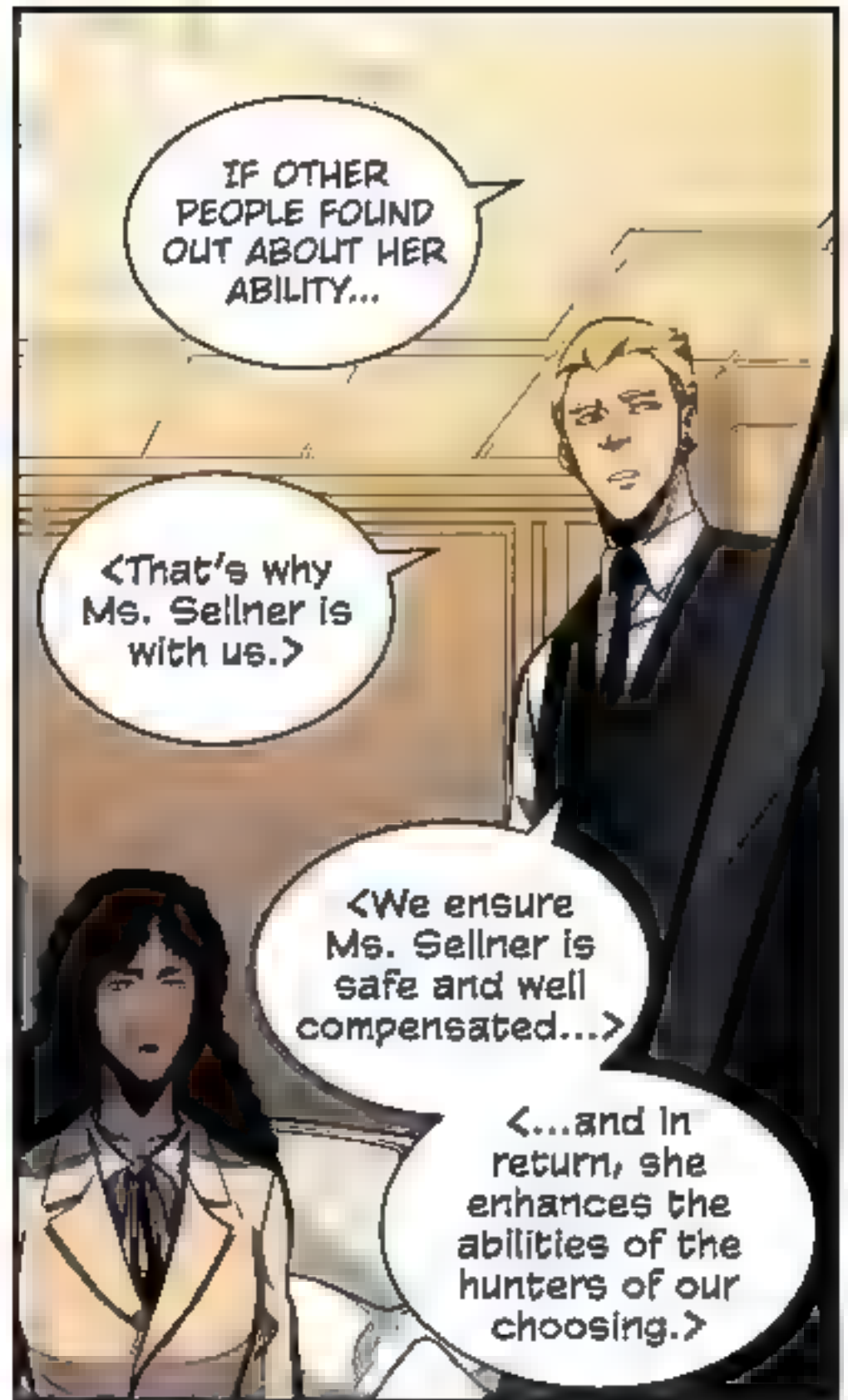


<I can
increase a
hunter's limit in
three stages.>



<I don't know
whether it's more
correct to call it a
forced reawakening
or just an increase in
their latent power,
though.>





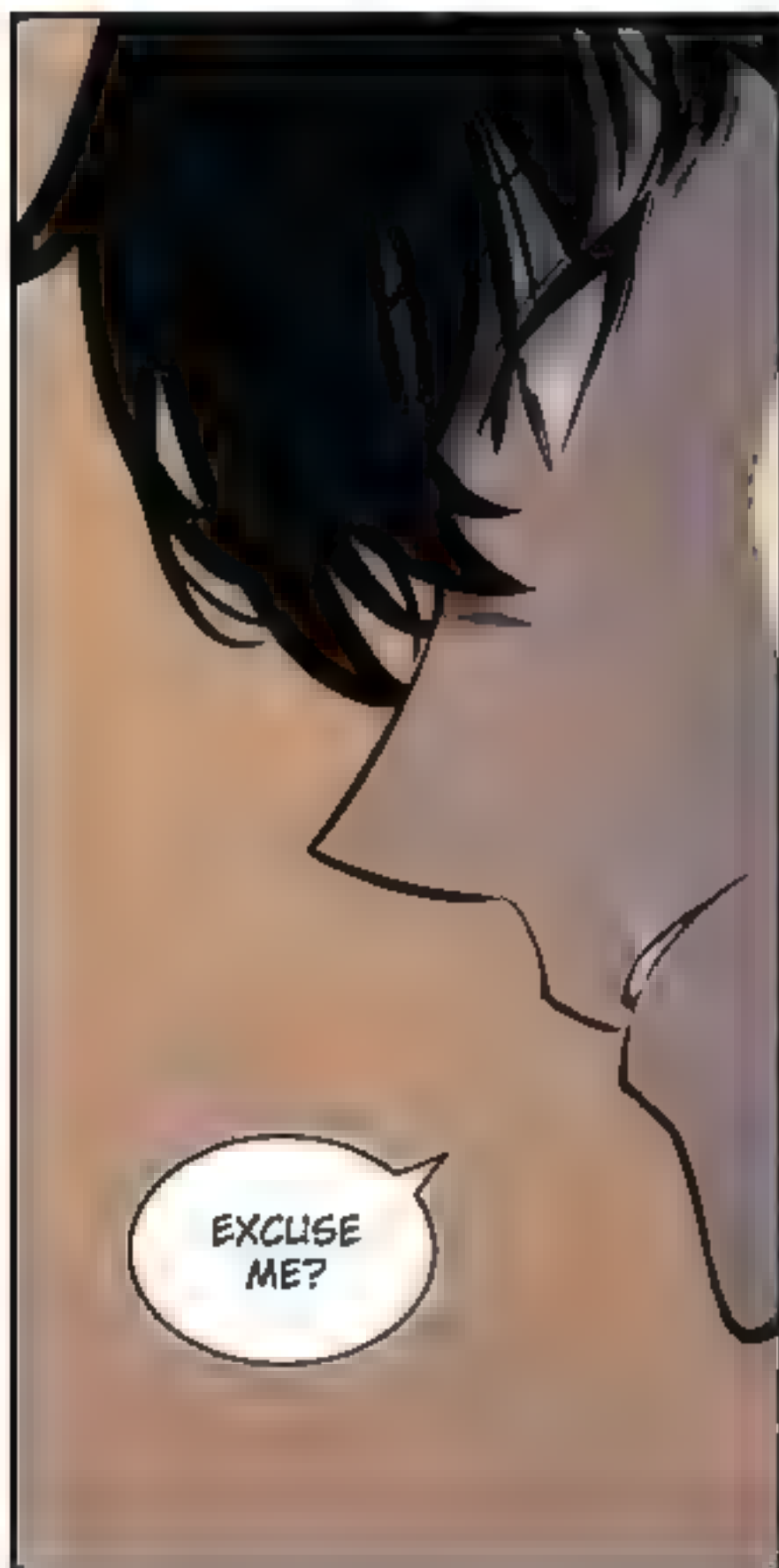


<If you become a hunter for the United States, you would be at the front of Ms. Sellner's queue.>

<Plus, we'd act as a go-between with the guild of your choosing to ensure you get the best deal possible.>



<There's no rush. I'm here to let you have your first taste.>



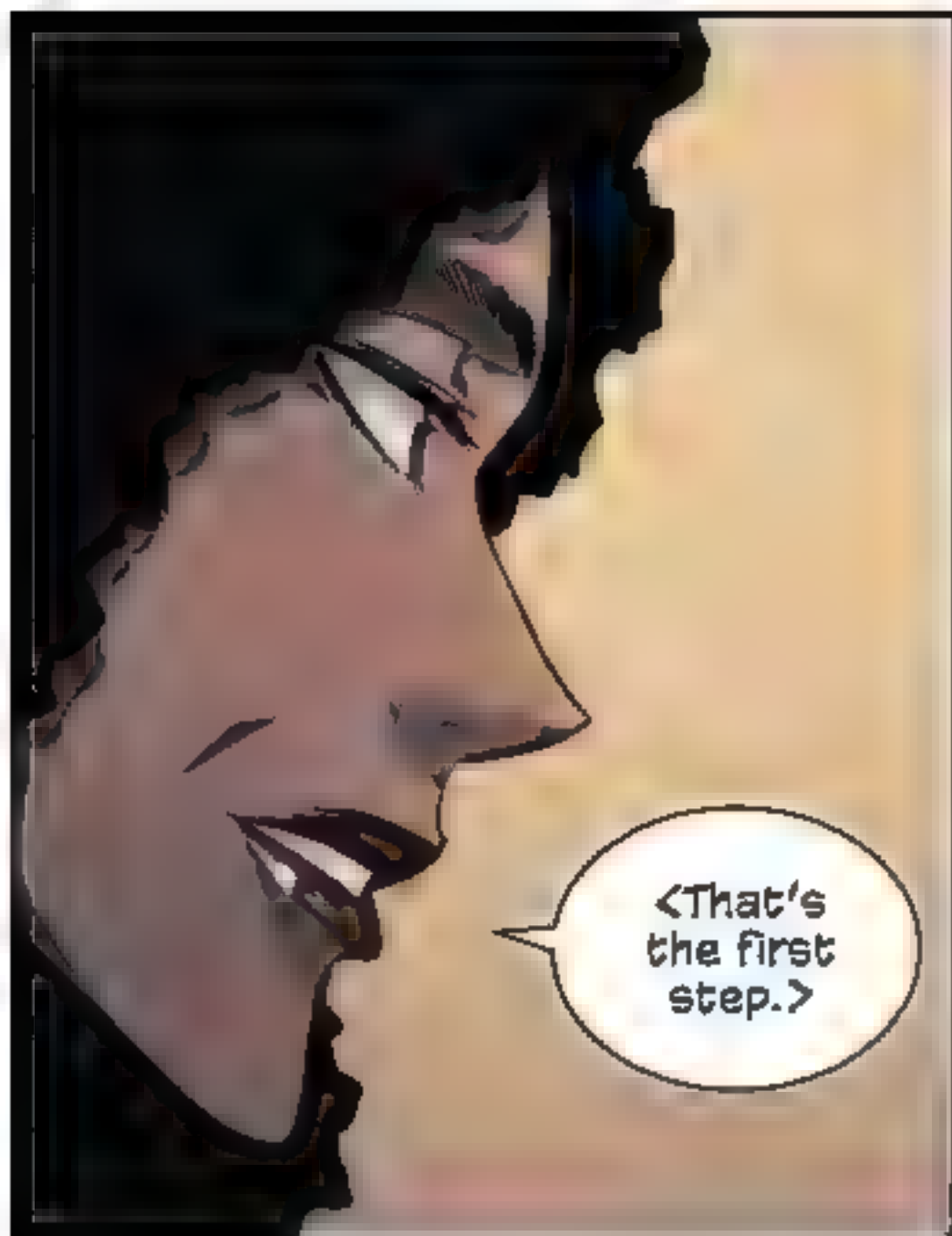
EXCUSE ME?



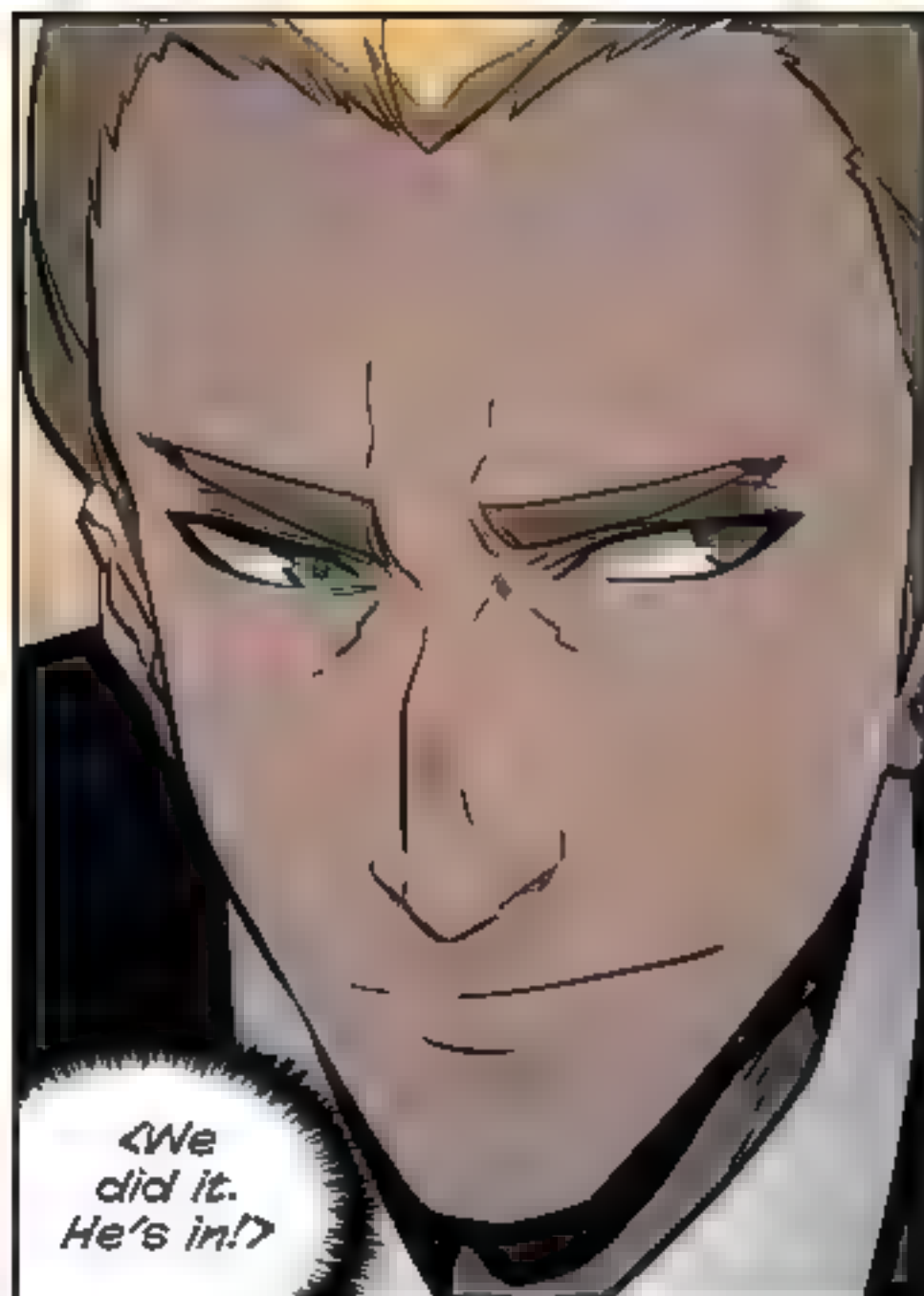
<As we said.>

<It's a gift.>





*<That's
the first
step.>*



*<We
did it.
He's in!>*



*<Jinwoo will
be in touch as
soon as the
first stage is
complete.>*

*<If he's
impatient
enough, he might
even sign the
immigration
papers on the
spot.>*



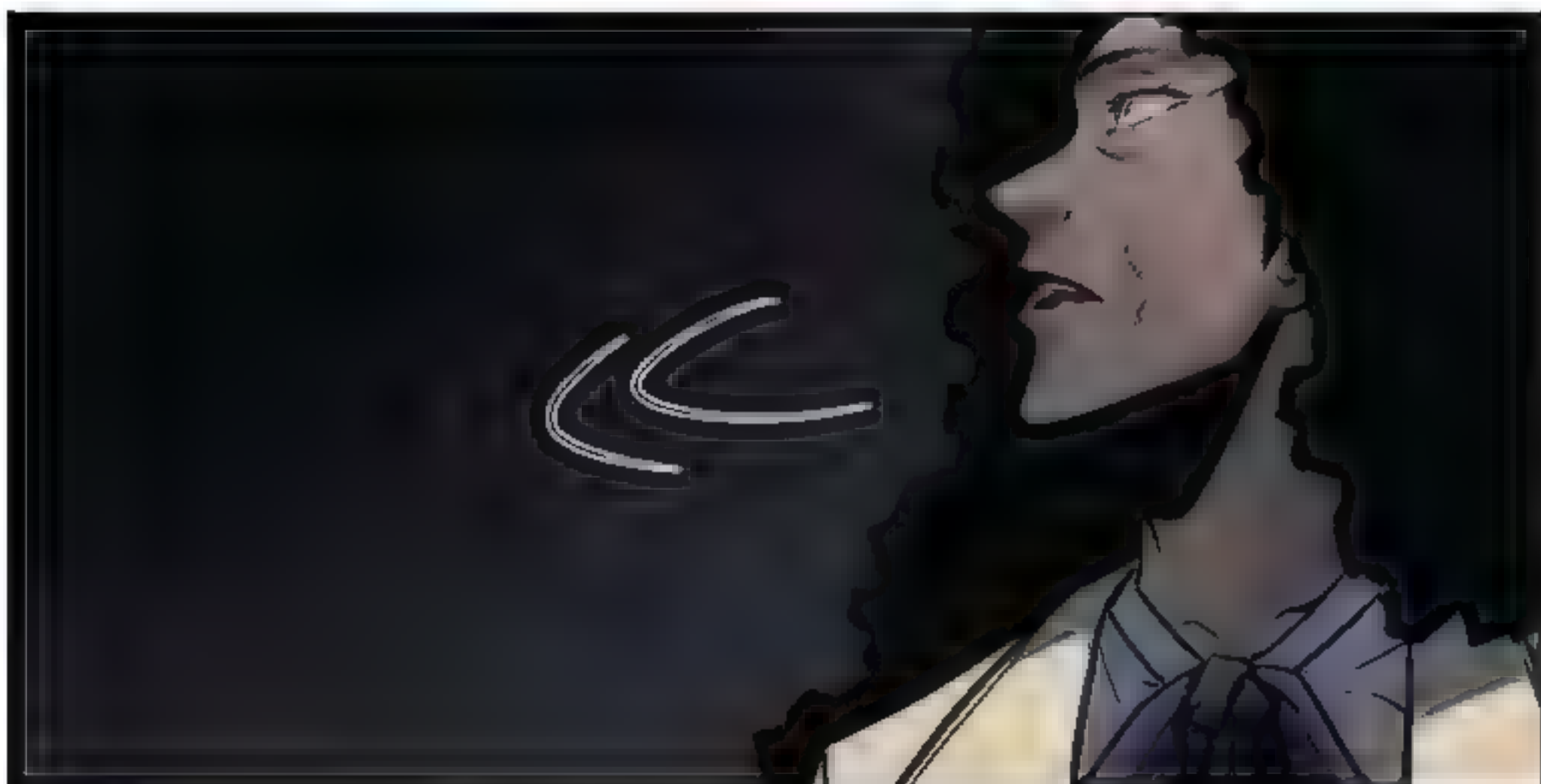
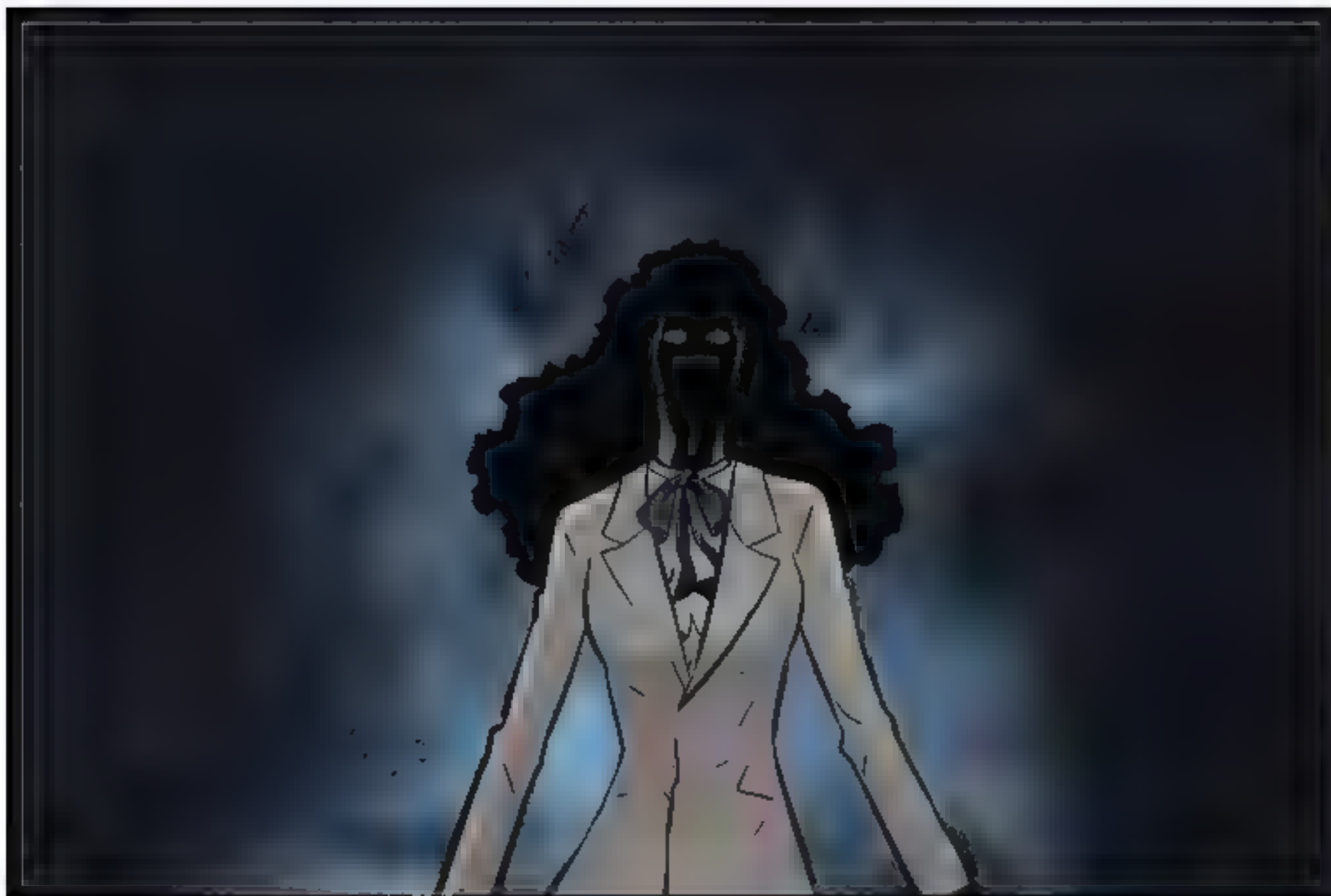
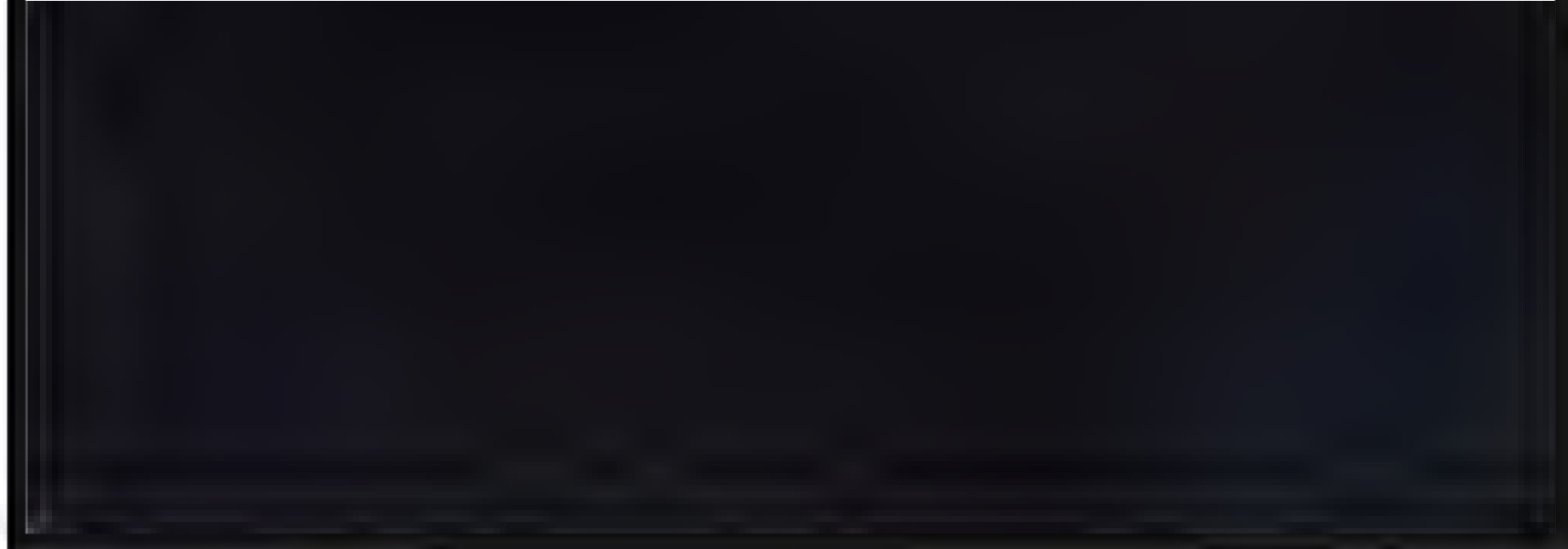
*<Ryuji Goto
had the potential to
be a national-level
hunter, but even he
failed at the Jeju
Island raid.>*



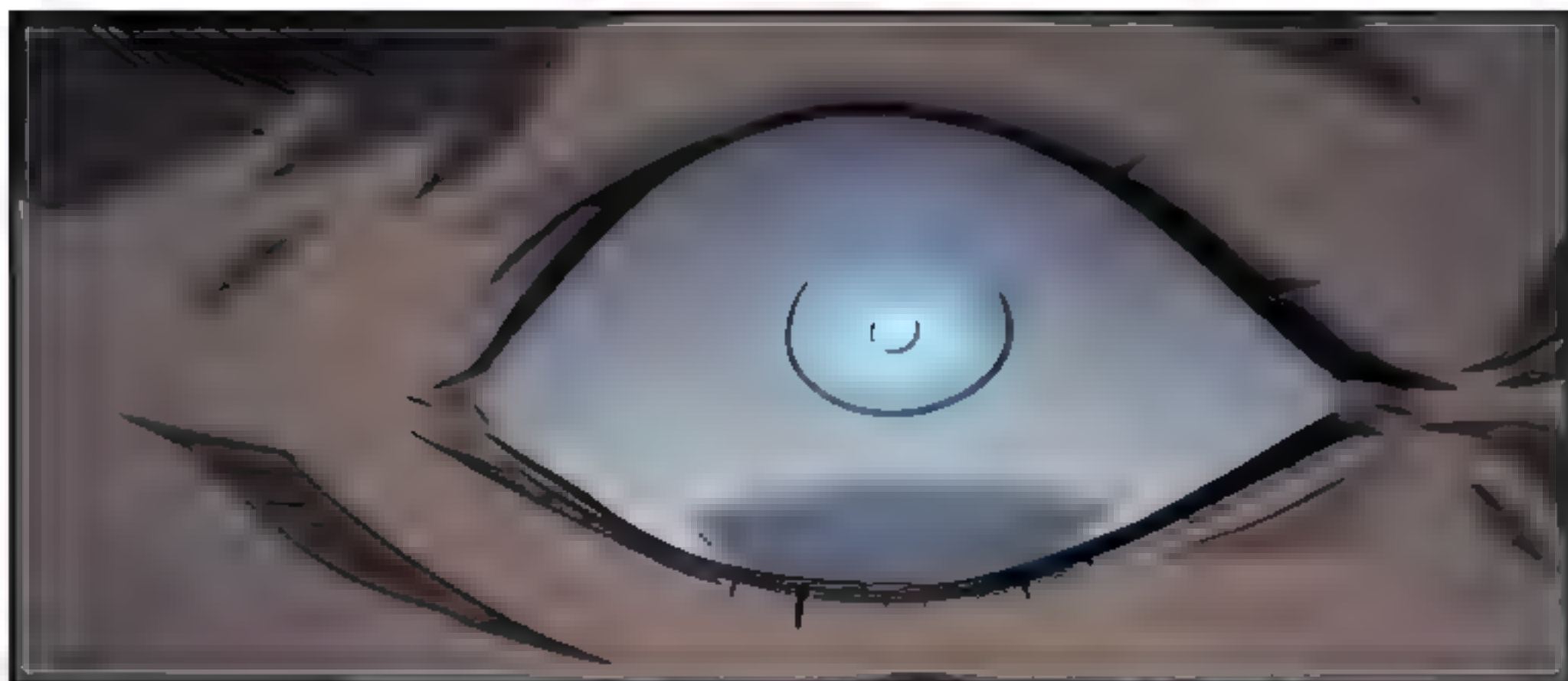
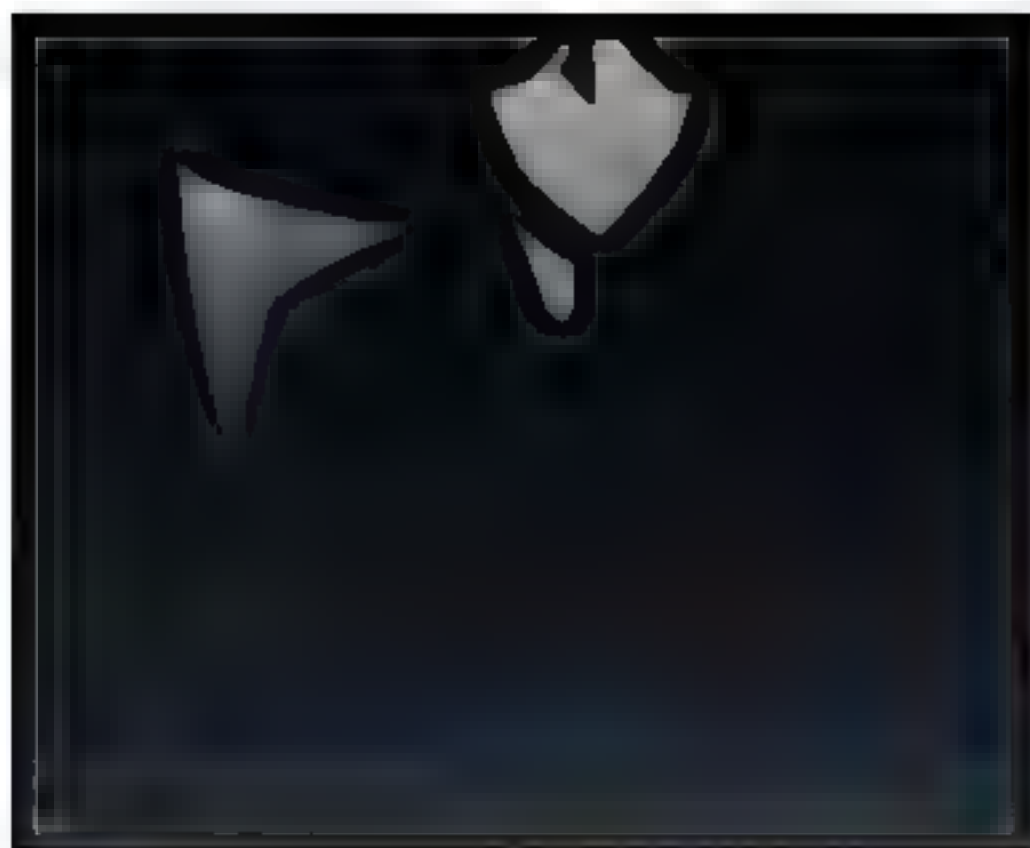
*<This man
accomplished
the mission using
his surprising
abilities.>*



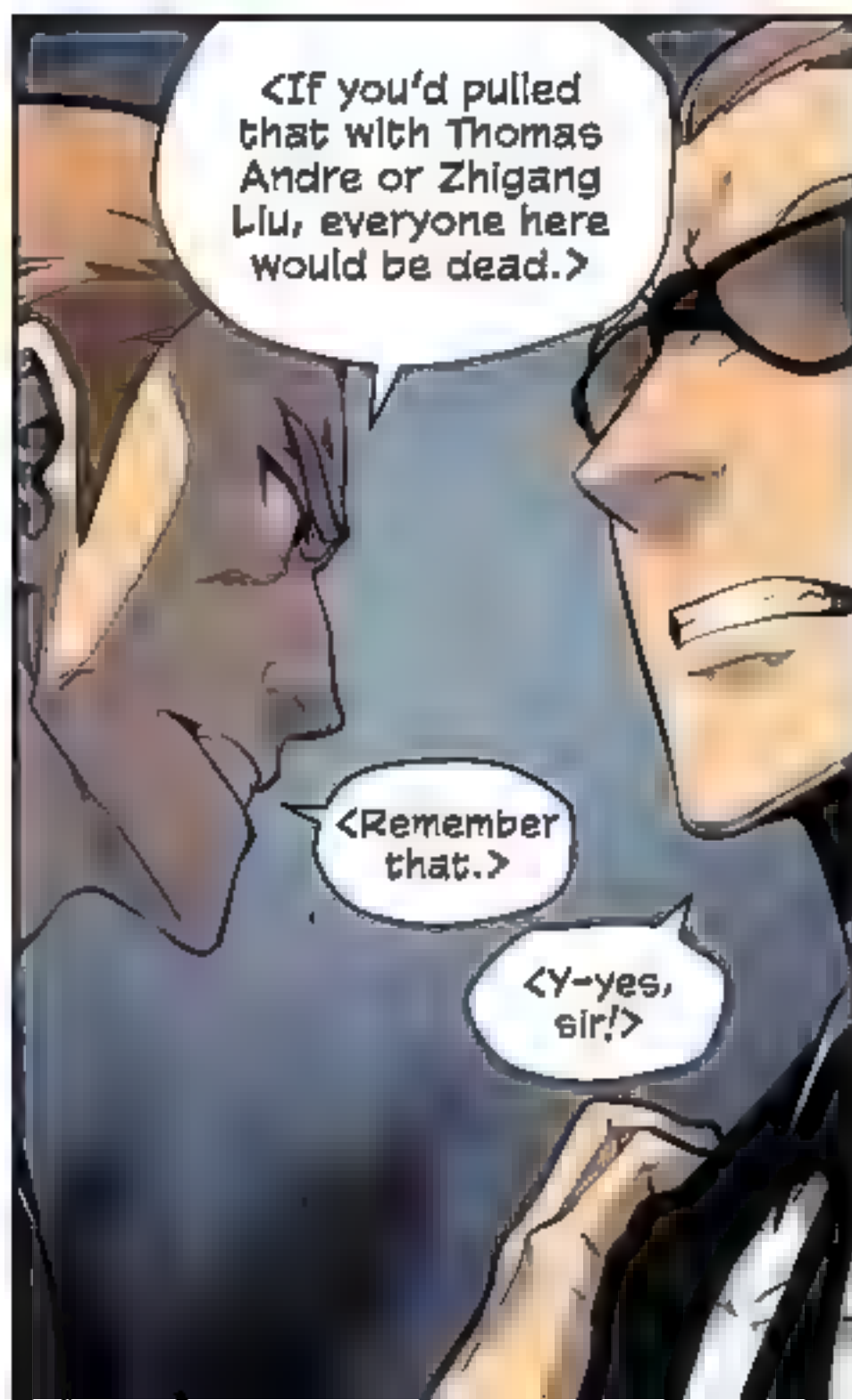
*<I wonder
what his
limit is...!>*



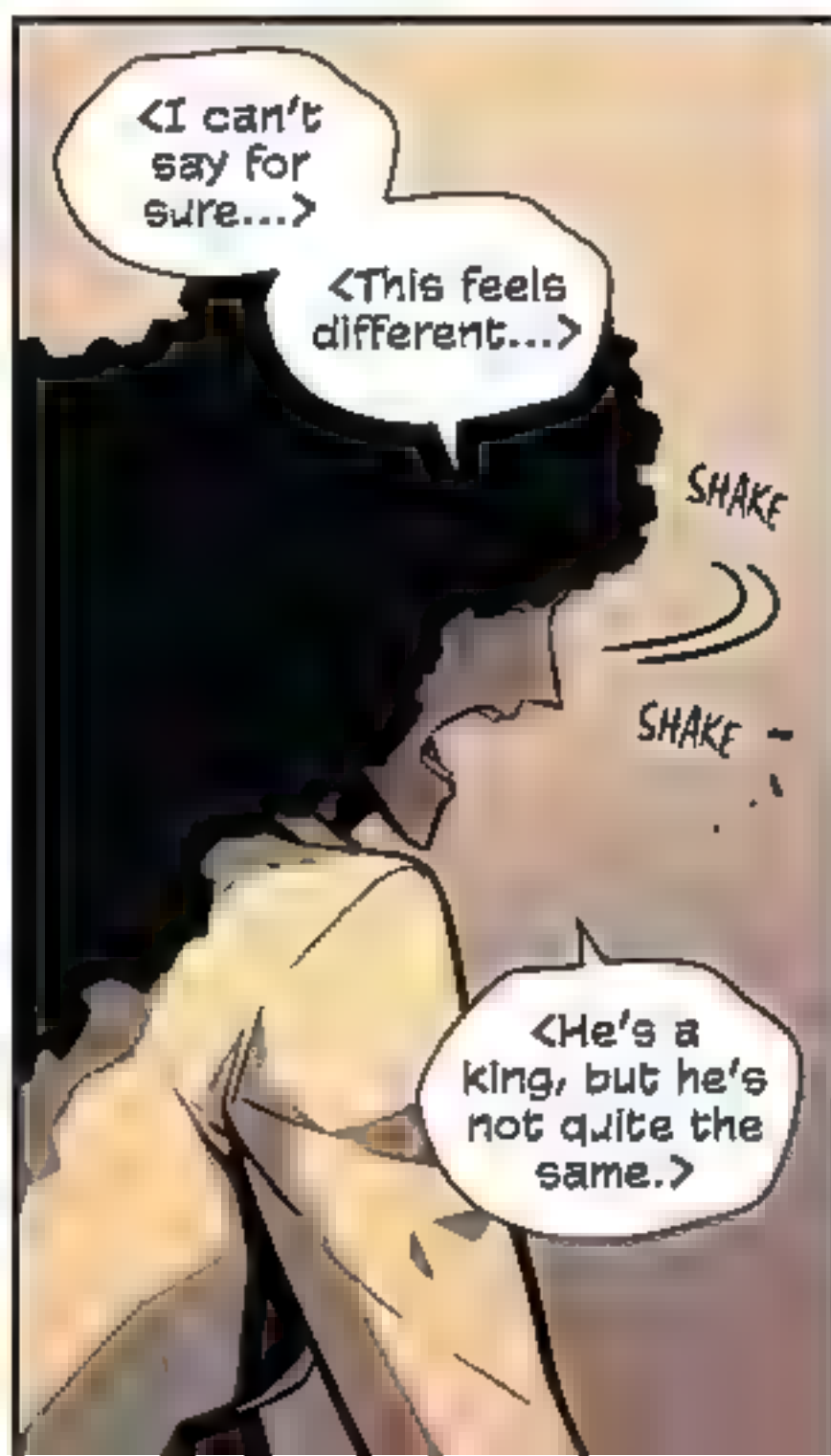
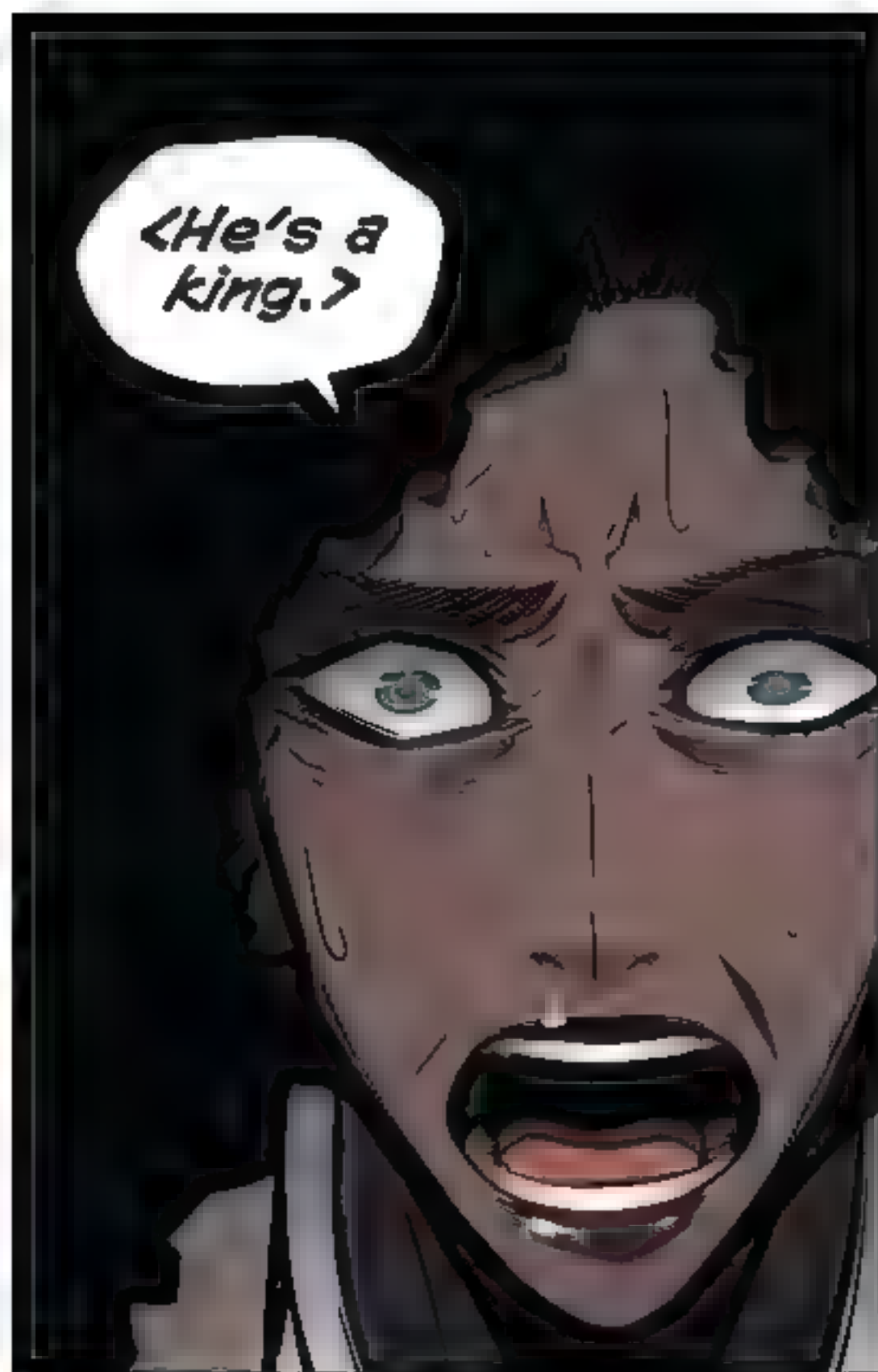








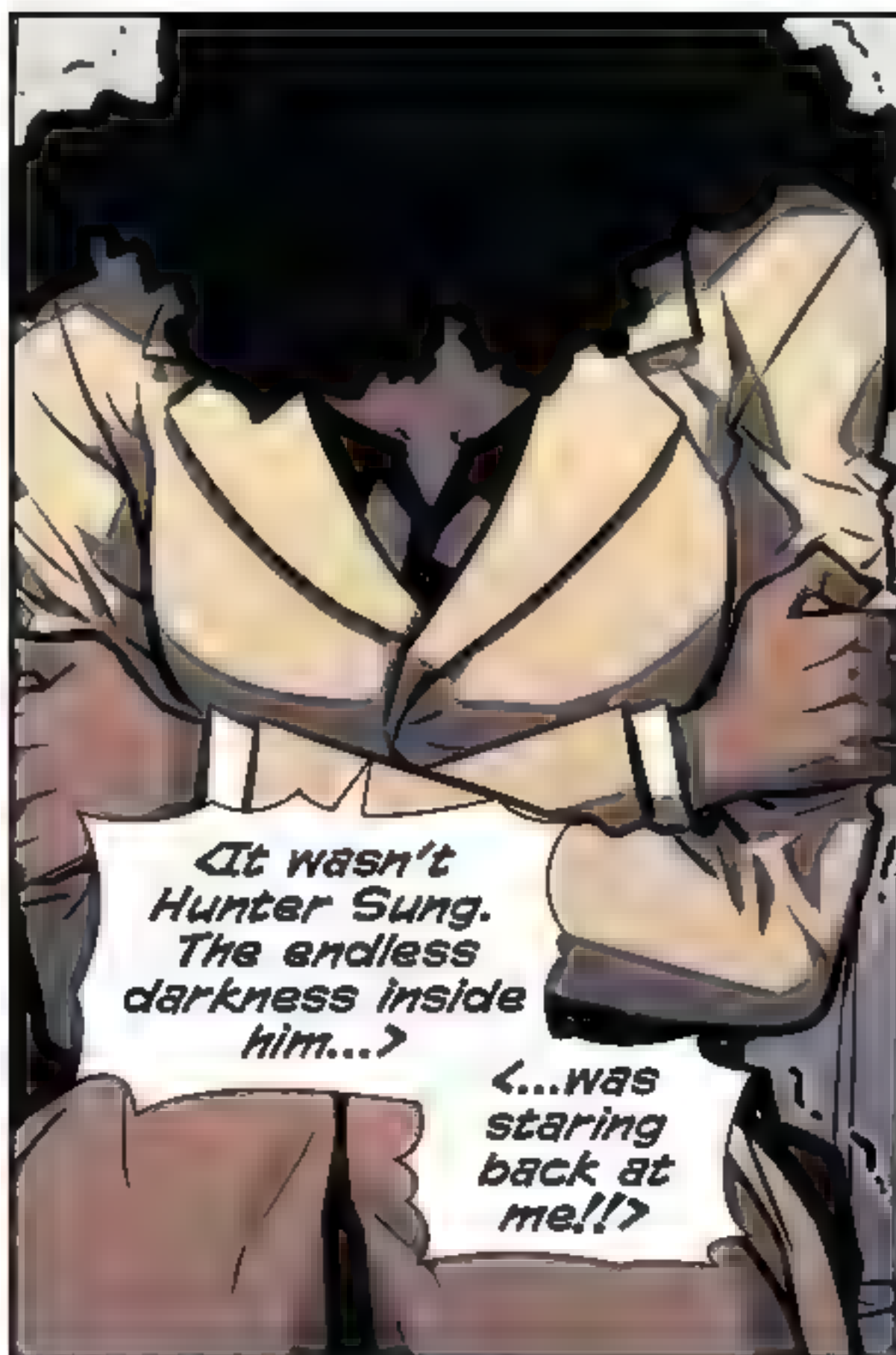






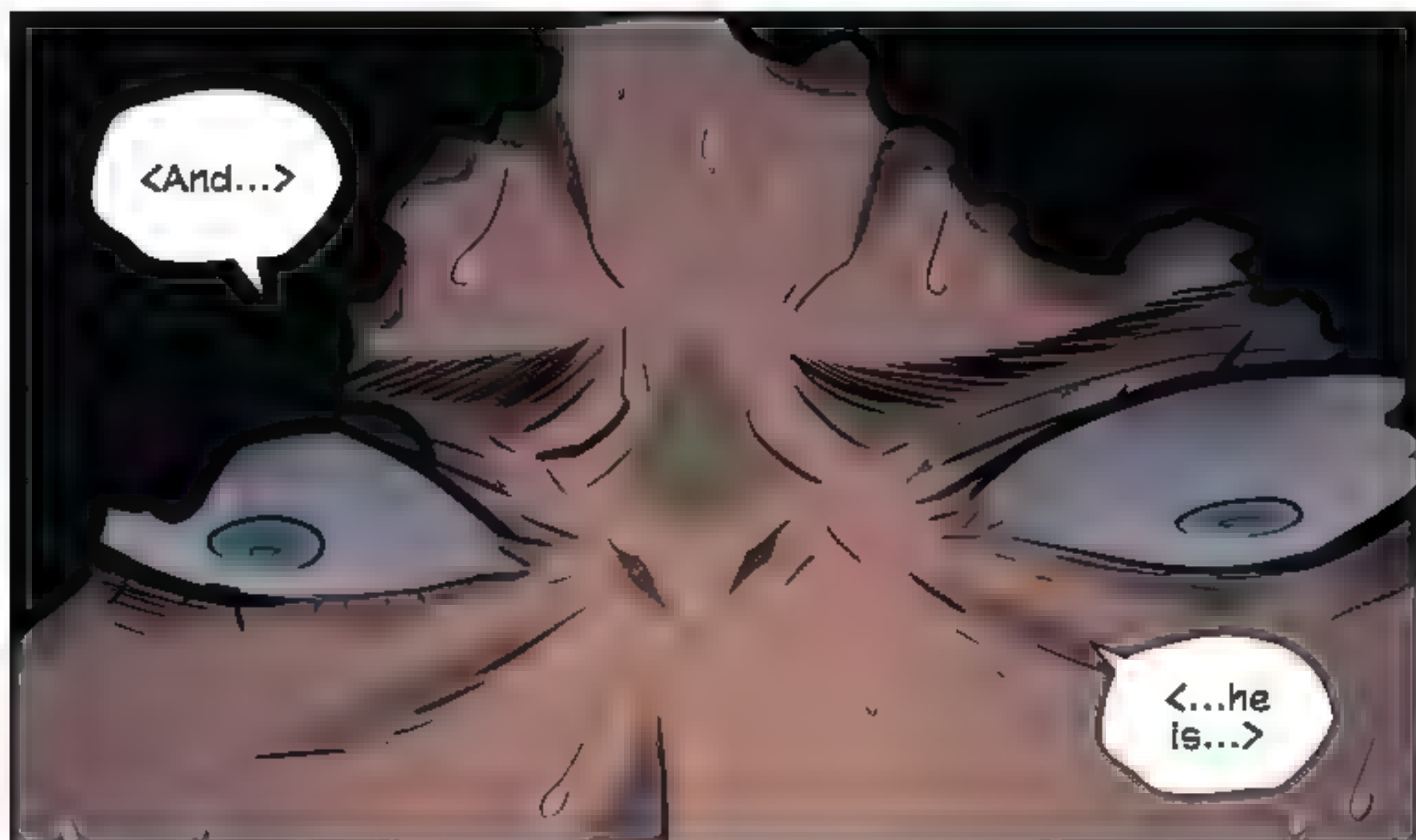
<While I was
looking into
his eyes...>

<...it felt like
he was looking
into me too.>



*<It wasn't
Hunter Sung.
The endless
darkness inside
him...>*

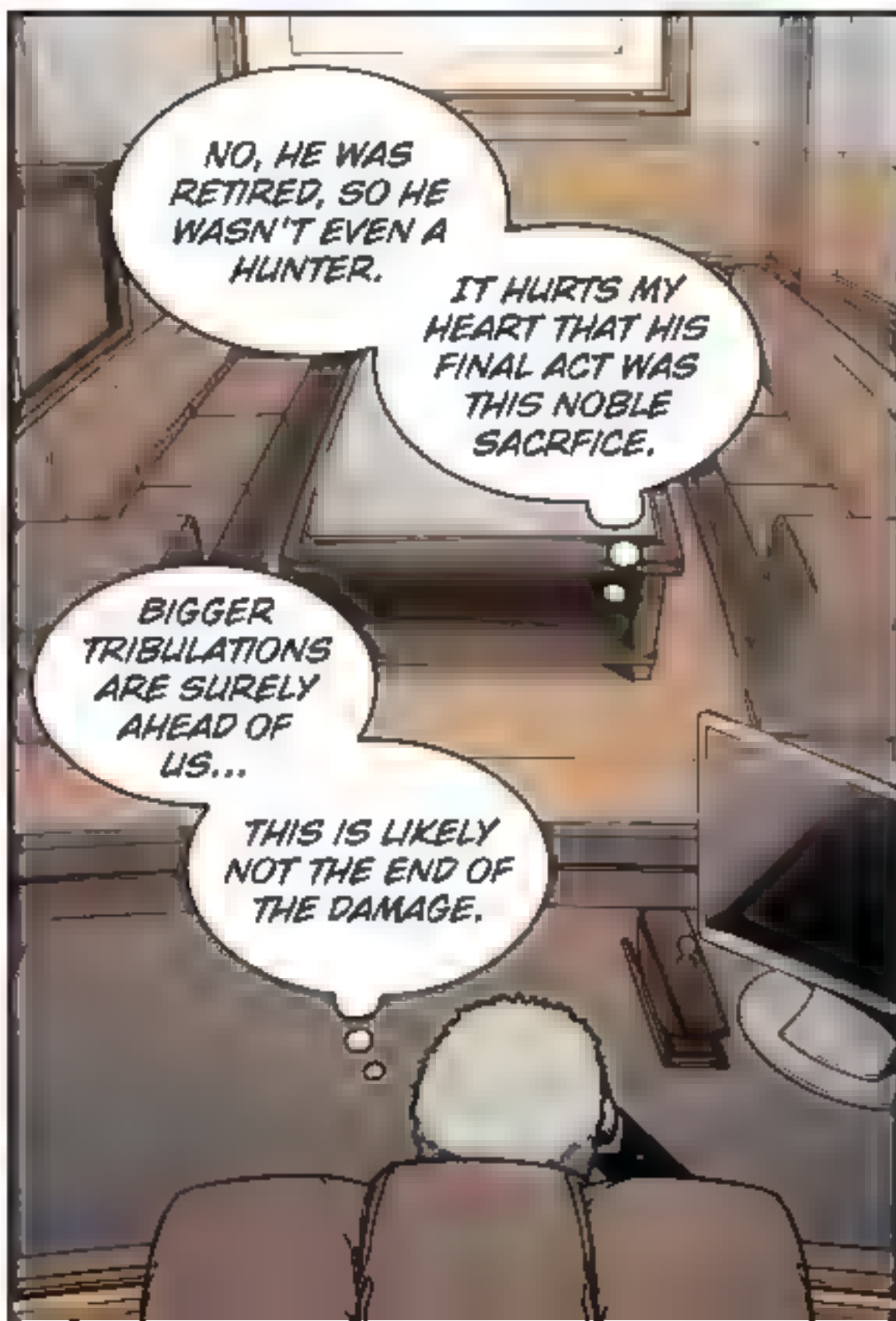
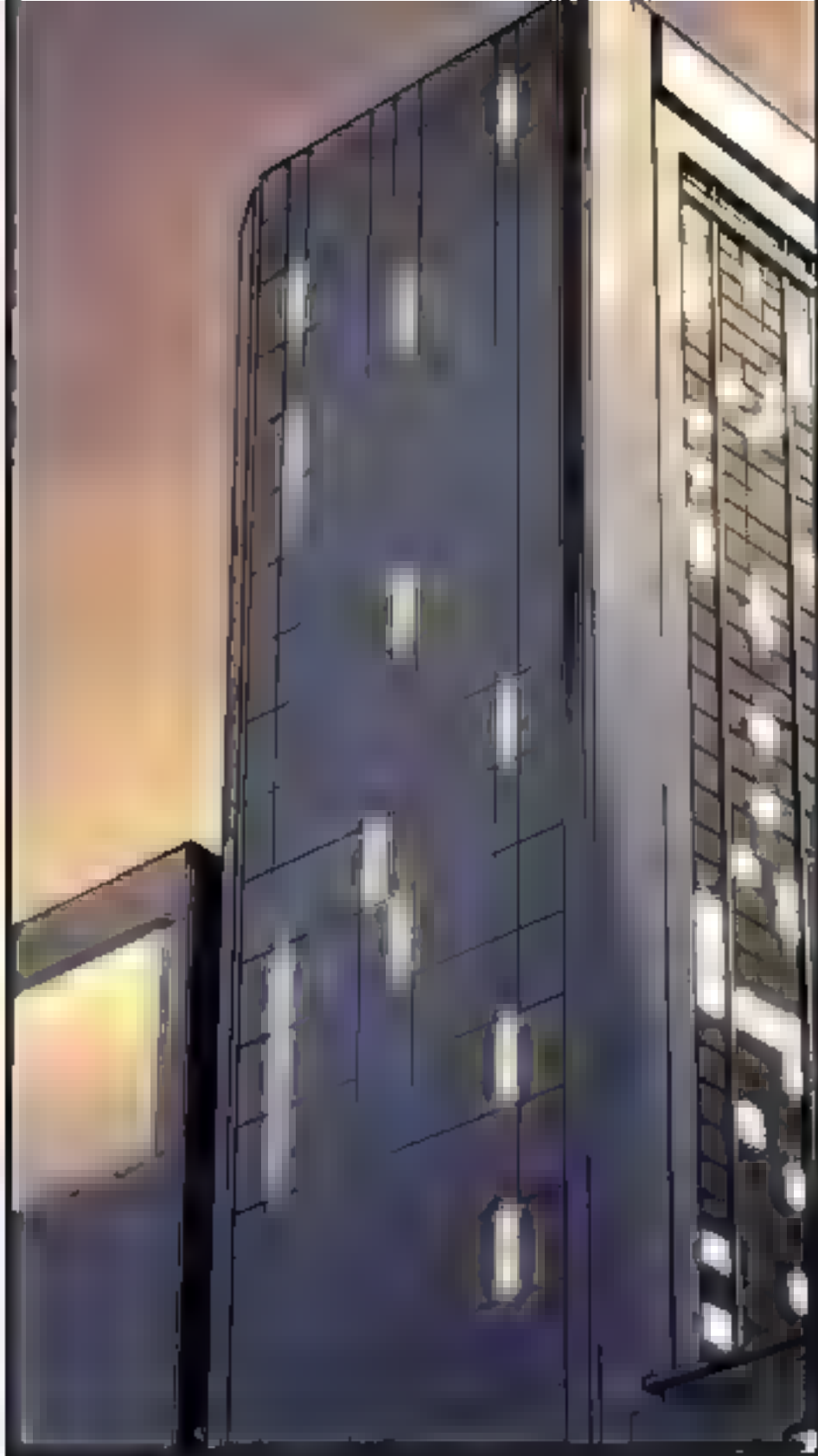
*<...was
staring
back at
me!!>*



<And...>

<...he
is...>

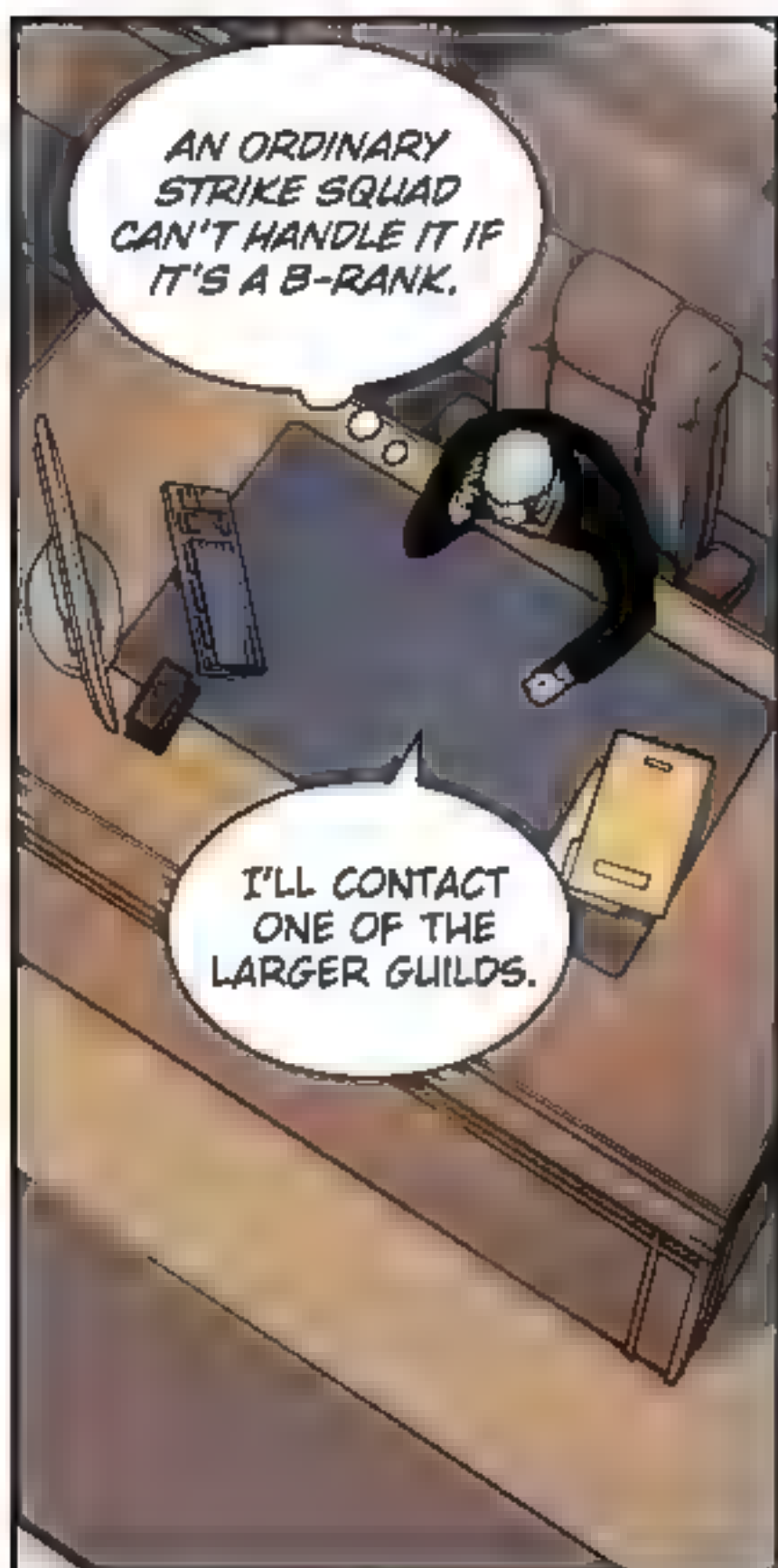






WHAT?

A B-RANK
GATE HAS
APPEARED IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
ROAD?



AN ORDINARY
STRIKE SQUAD
CAN'T HANDLE IT IF
IT'S A B-RANK.

I'LL CONTACT
ONE OF THE
LARGER GUILDS.



WAIT A
MINUTE...



ISN'T HUNTER
SUNG'S GUILD
OFFICE NEAR
THERE?



THAT
WOMAN SAW
SOMETHING...

WHAT
WAS IT?

Shadow Extraction is successful.

A TRACE
OF THE
SYSTEM?

[?? Lv. 1]
General Rank

WHAT WAS
SHE AFRAID
OF?

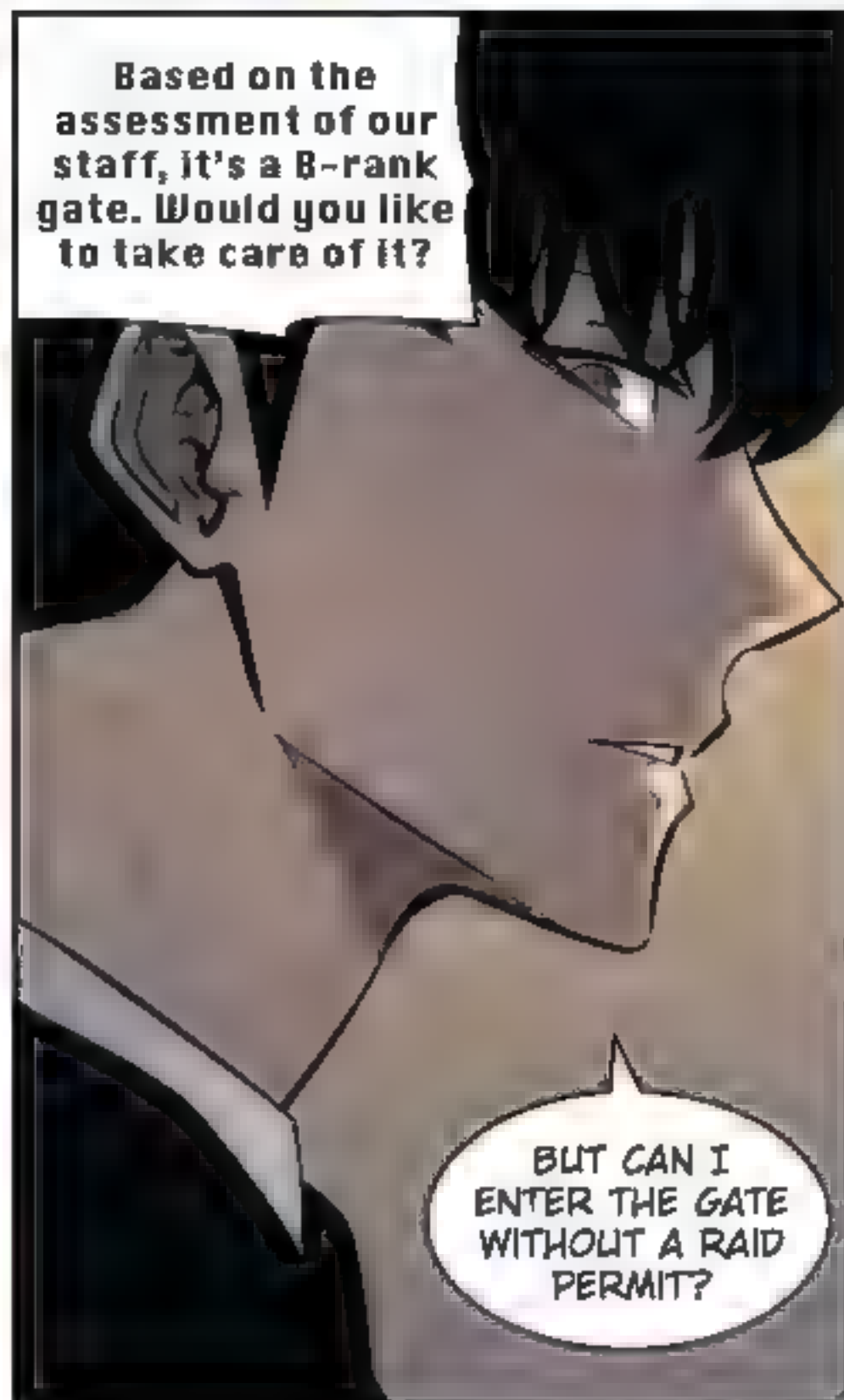
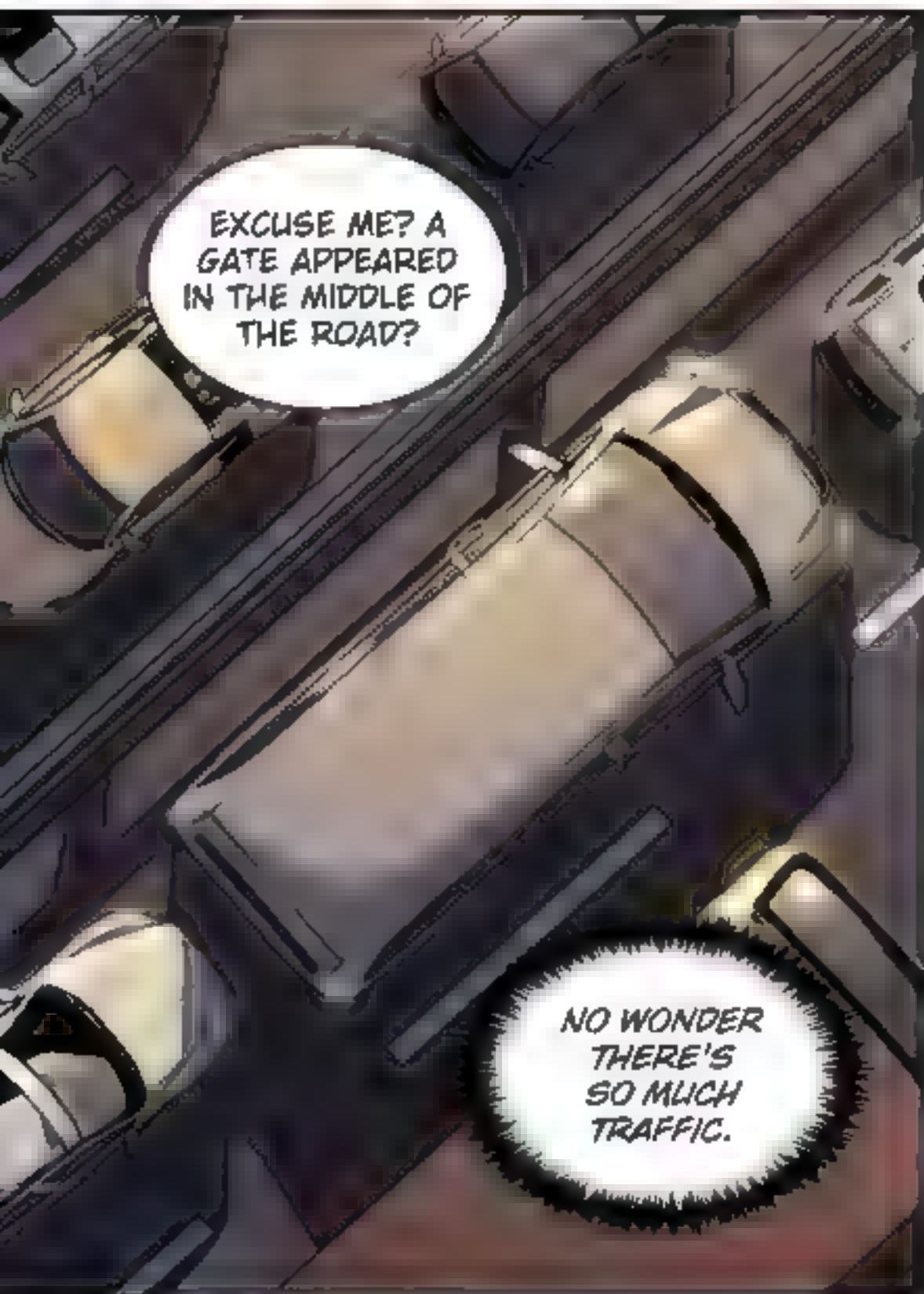
SHE
LOOKED SO
SCARED, I DON'T
THINK SHE'LL
WANT TO SEE ME
AGAIN.

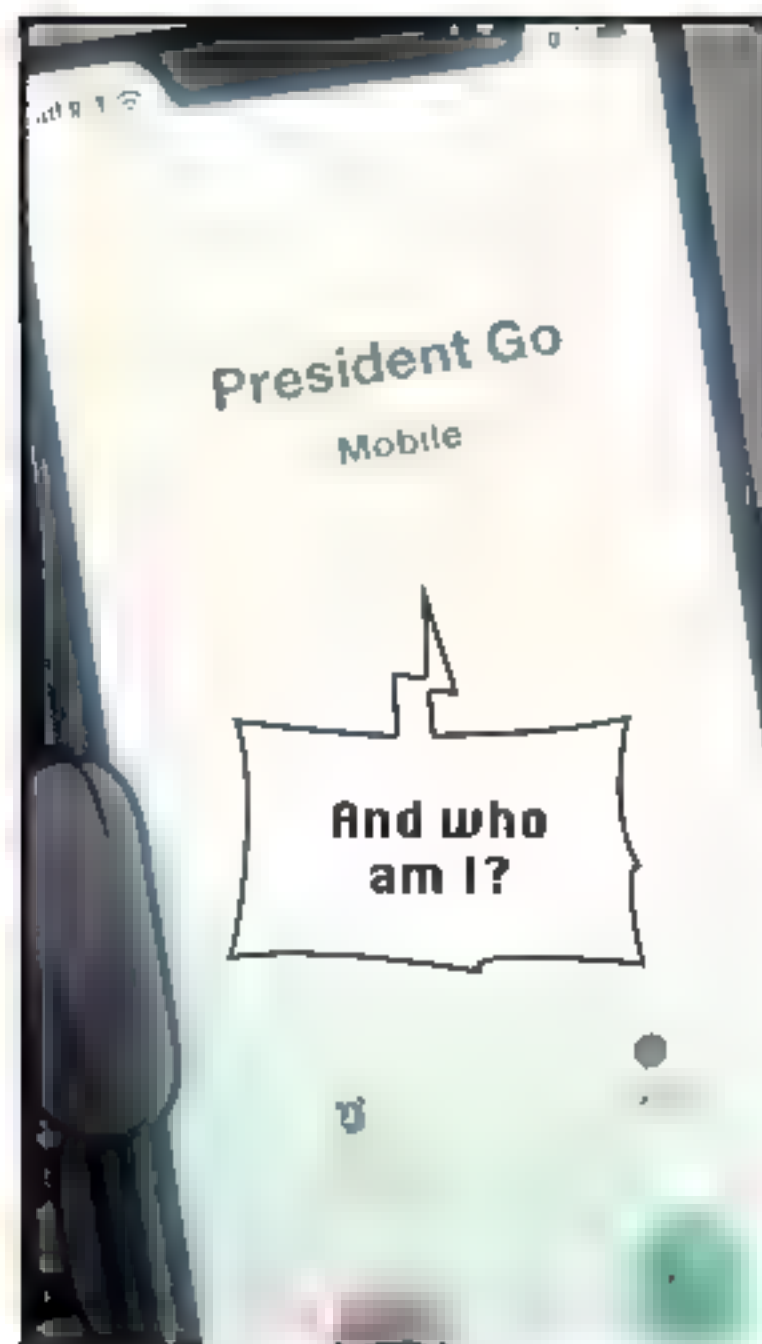
BY THE
WAY, WHAT'S
WITH ALL THIS
TRAFFIC?

SEE,
THIS IS WHY IT'S
BETTER TO TAKE
THE SUBWAY.

WHALE

GUSVY

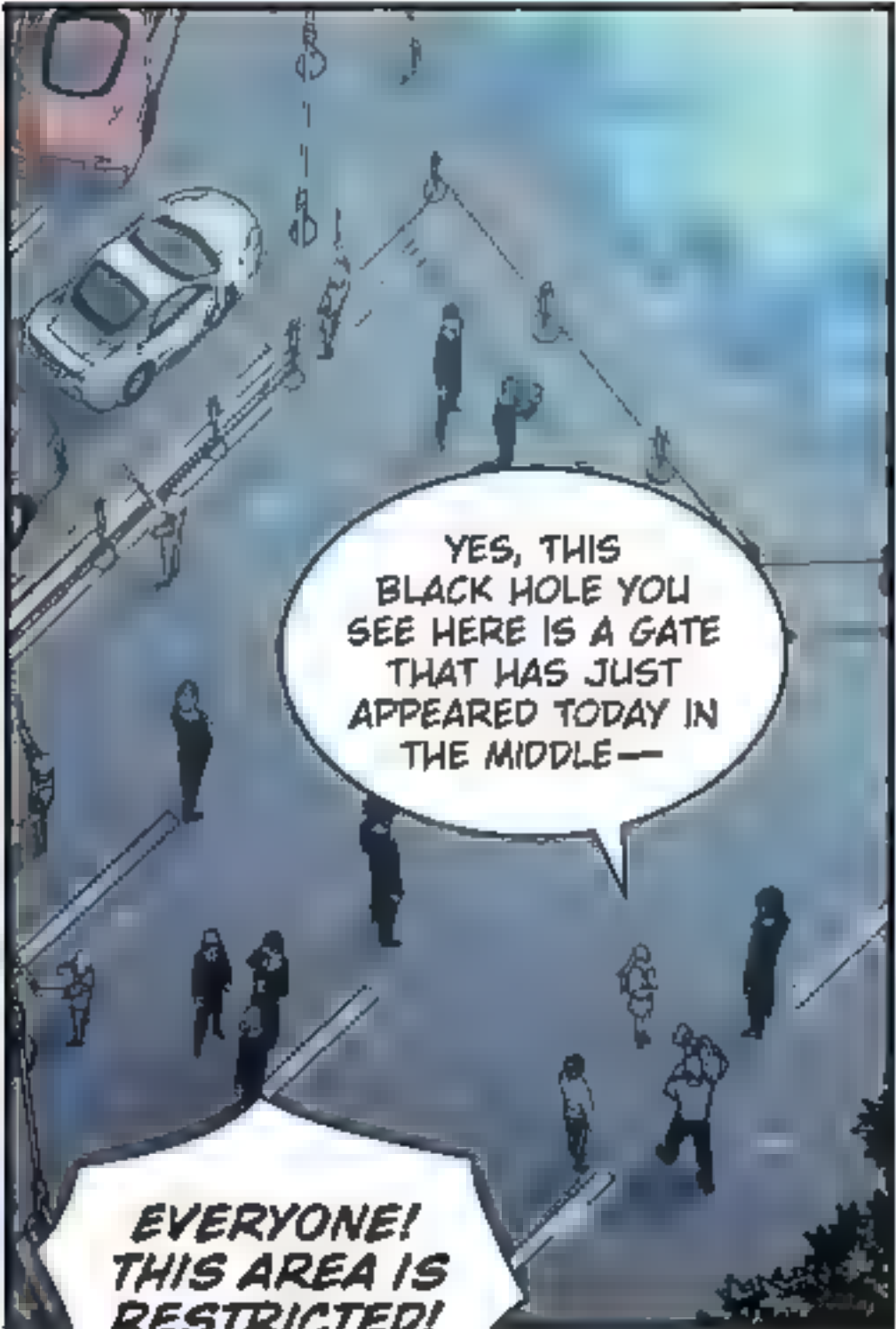






Ha-ha. Please
don't worry
about it. Feel
free to enter.

AWESO—
I MEAN,
THANK YOU.



YES, THIS
BLACK HOLE YOU
SEE HERE IS A GATE
THAT HAS JUST
APPEARED TODAY IN
THE MIDDLE—

EVERYONE!
THIS AREA IS
RESTRICTED!

HOLD ON,
PLEASE!



YOU CAN'T
JUST COME
IN HERE!



H-HUH?

S...
S-RANK
JINWOO
SUNG?!



IT'S
JINWOO
SUNG!

JINWOO SUNG
IS HERE TO
PERSONALLY
TAKE CARE OF
THE GATE!



WH-WHAT
BRINGS YOU
HERE?

EVEN IF
YOU ARE AN S-RANK
HUNTER, I CAN'T
ALLOW YOU TO IGNORE
PROCEDURE.

DO YOU
HAVE A RAID
PERMIT?

WELL, EVEN IF YOU
DID, I CAN'T LET YOU
ENTER THE GATE
WITHOUT THE MINIMUM
NUMBER OF REQUIRED
SQUAD MEMBERS!

NOT
WHAT I WAS
TOLD...

THE THING IS...
I'M AT THE SCENE,
BUT THERE'S A BIT
OF A PROBLEM.

FWP

HERE.
IT'S FOR
YOU.

PARDON?
FOR ME? WH-
WHO IS IT?

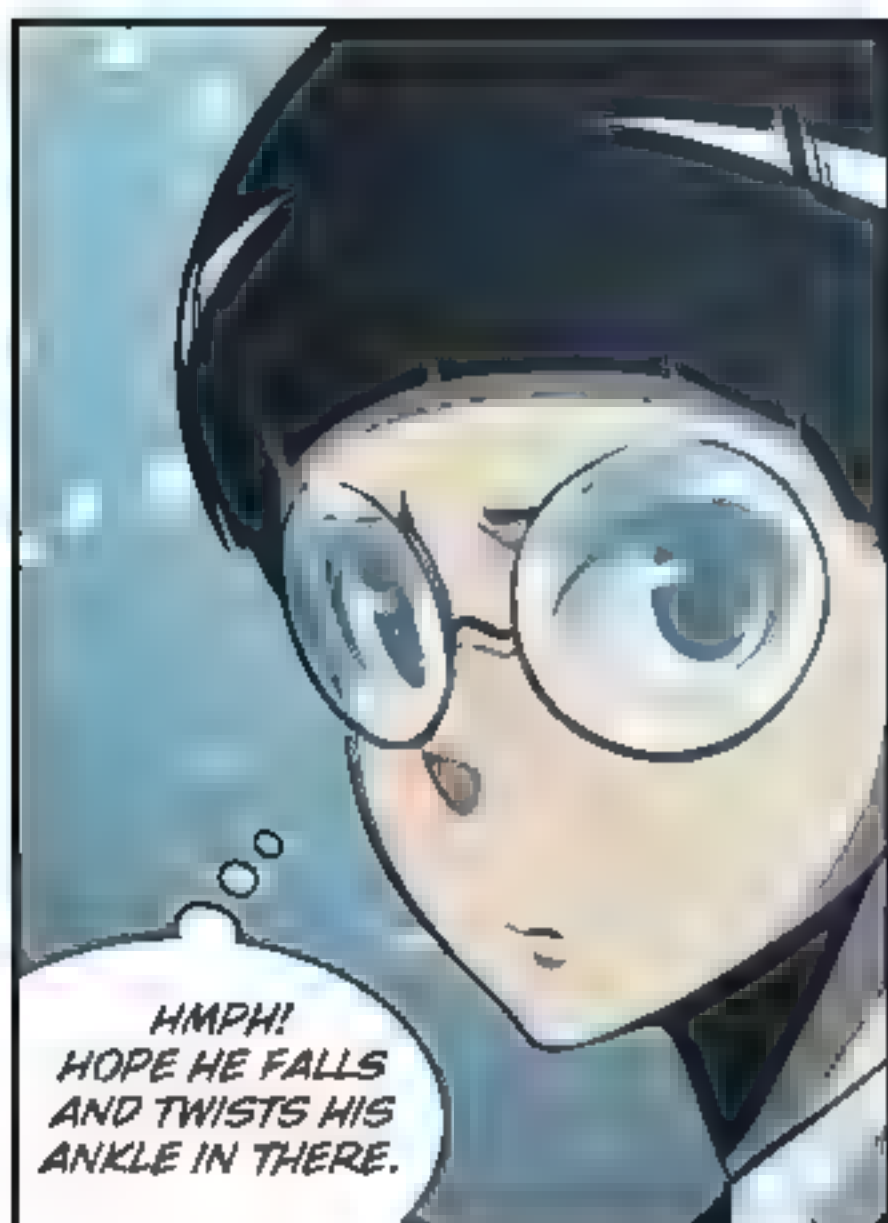
ANOTHER
PERSON YOU
PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
ALLOW IN.

This is
President
Go.

YES, SIR.
YES, SIR!

YES, SIR.
YES, SIR. WILL
DO, SIR.

I'M
GOING IN.





THE GATE'S
COLOR IS
CHANGING!

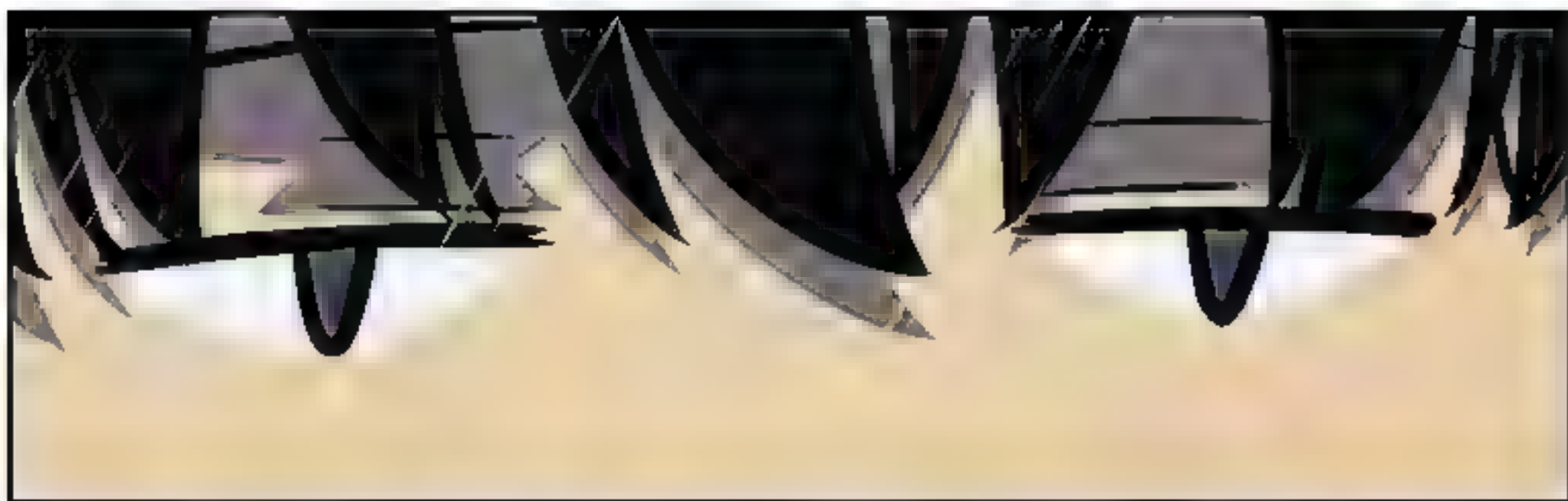
CRACKLE



A RED
GATE?!



DID I JUST
JINX IT...?!





THE GATE IS
CLOSED TOO...

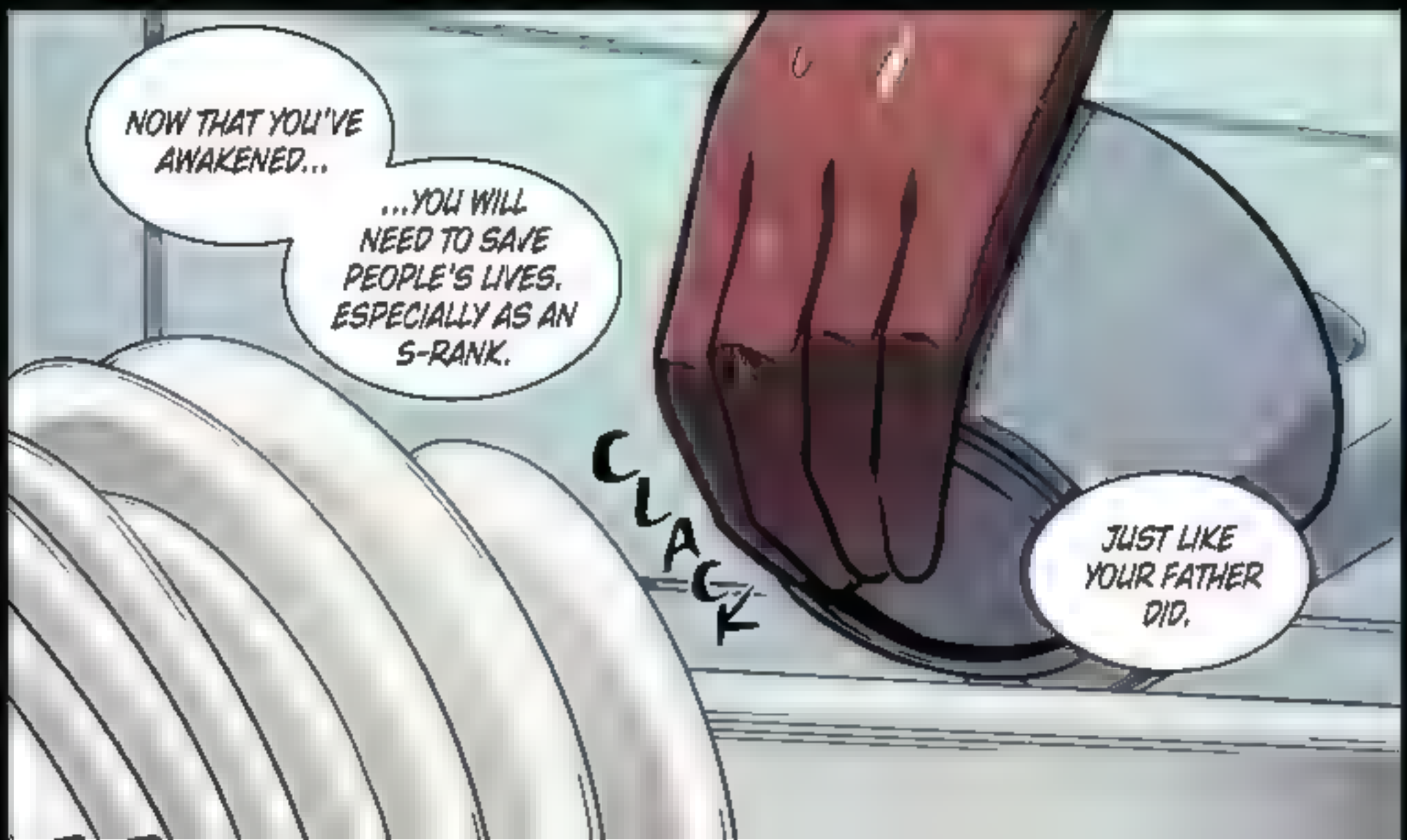


I MIGHT
HAVE TO PUSH
MYSELF A BIT.



PUSH
MYSELF...

I WANT YOU
TO DO WHAT
YOU LIKE.

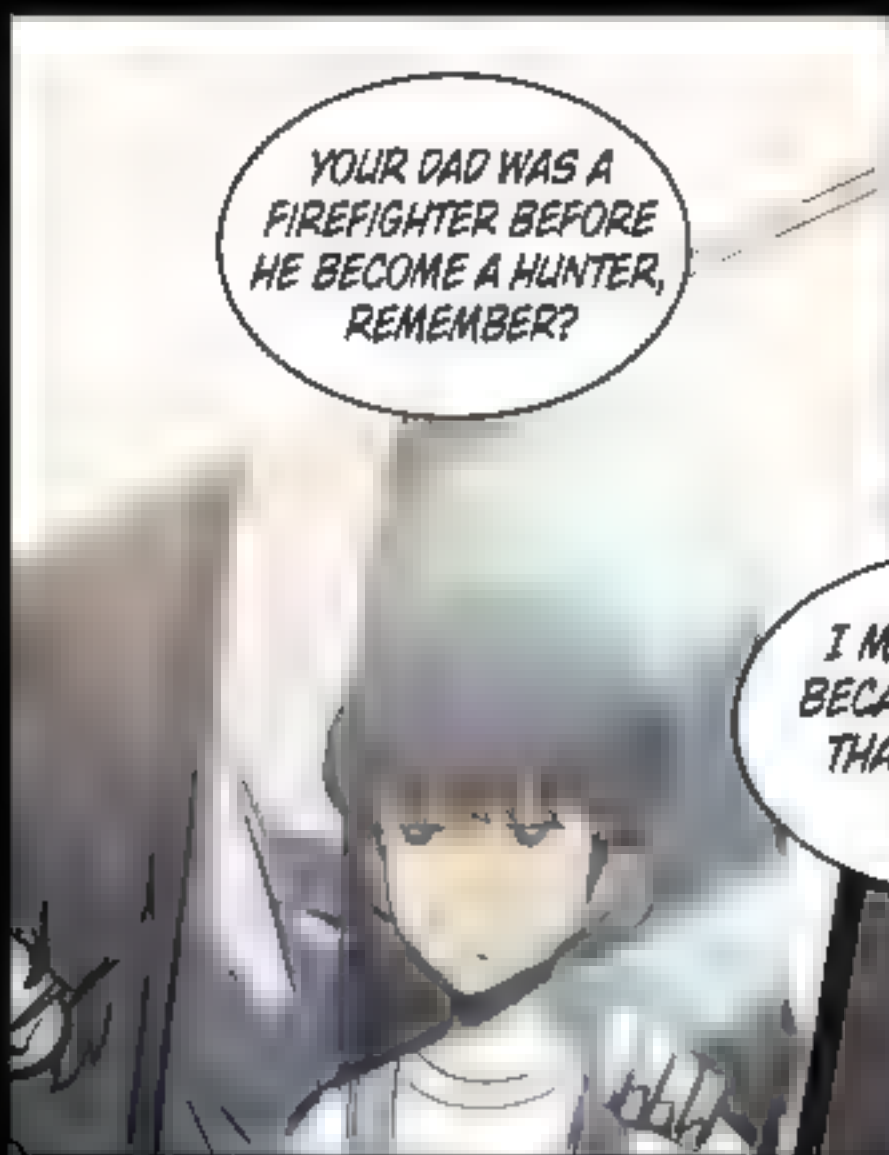


NOW THAT YOU'VE
AWAKENED...

...YOU WILL
NEED TO SAVE
PEOPLE'S LIVES.
ESPECIALLY AS AN
S-RANK.

CLACK

JUST LIKE
YOUR FATHER
DID.



YOUR DAD WAS A
FIREFIGHTER BEFORE
HE BECAME A HUNTER,
REMEMBER?



I MARRIED HIM
BECAUSE I LOVED
THAT HE SAVED
PEOPLE.

YOU'RE YOUR
FATHER'S SON,
AFTER ALL.



BUT DON'T
PUSH YOURSELF
TOO HARD,
OKAY?

I'M STILL GLAD
THAT MOM WASN'T
AGAINST THIS.

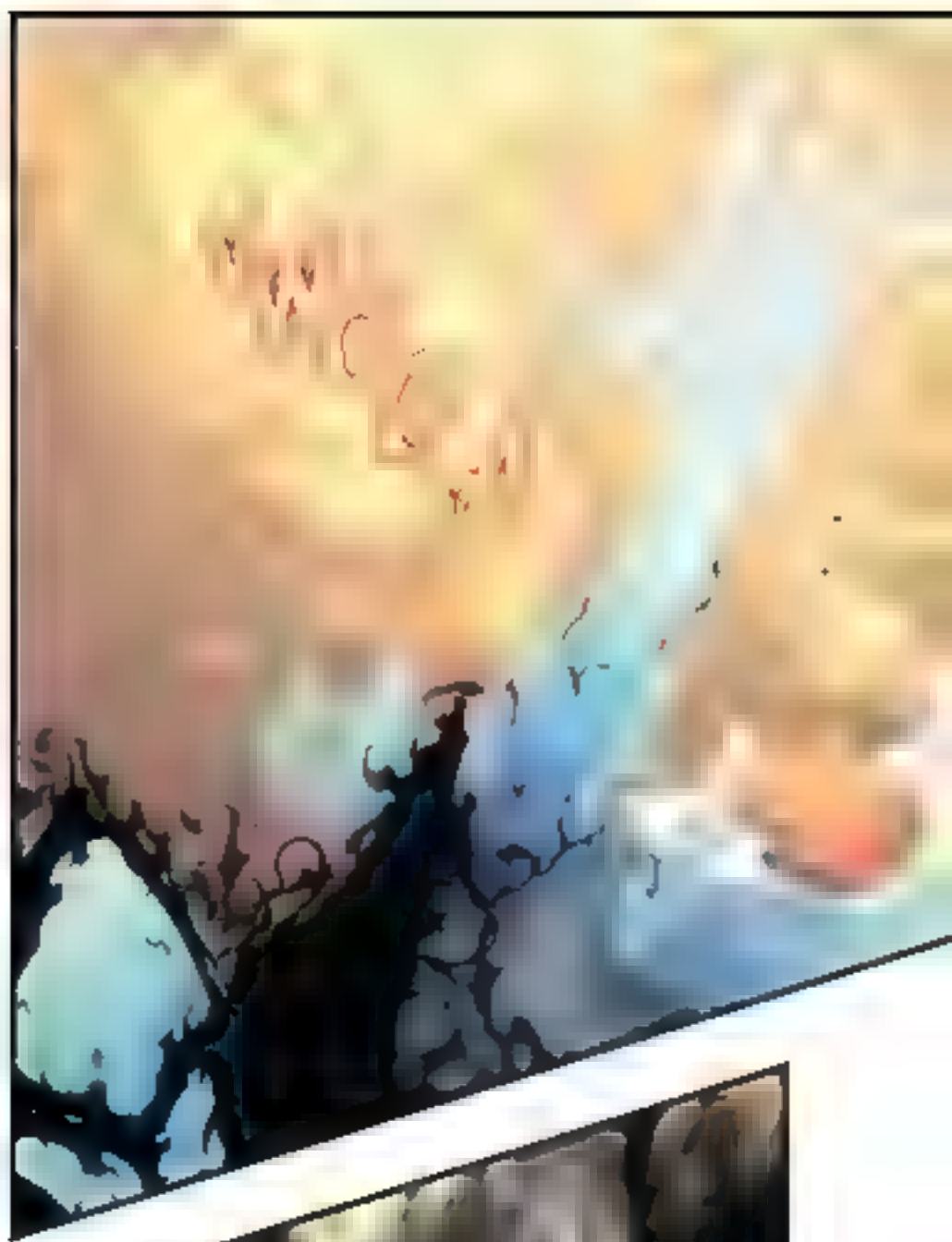


BESIDES,
THIS WON'T BE
TOO BAD.



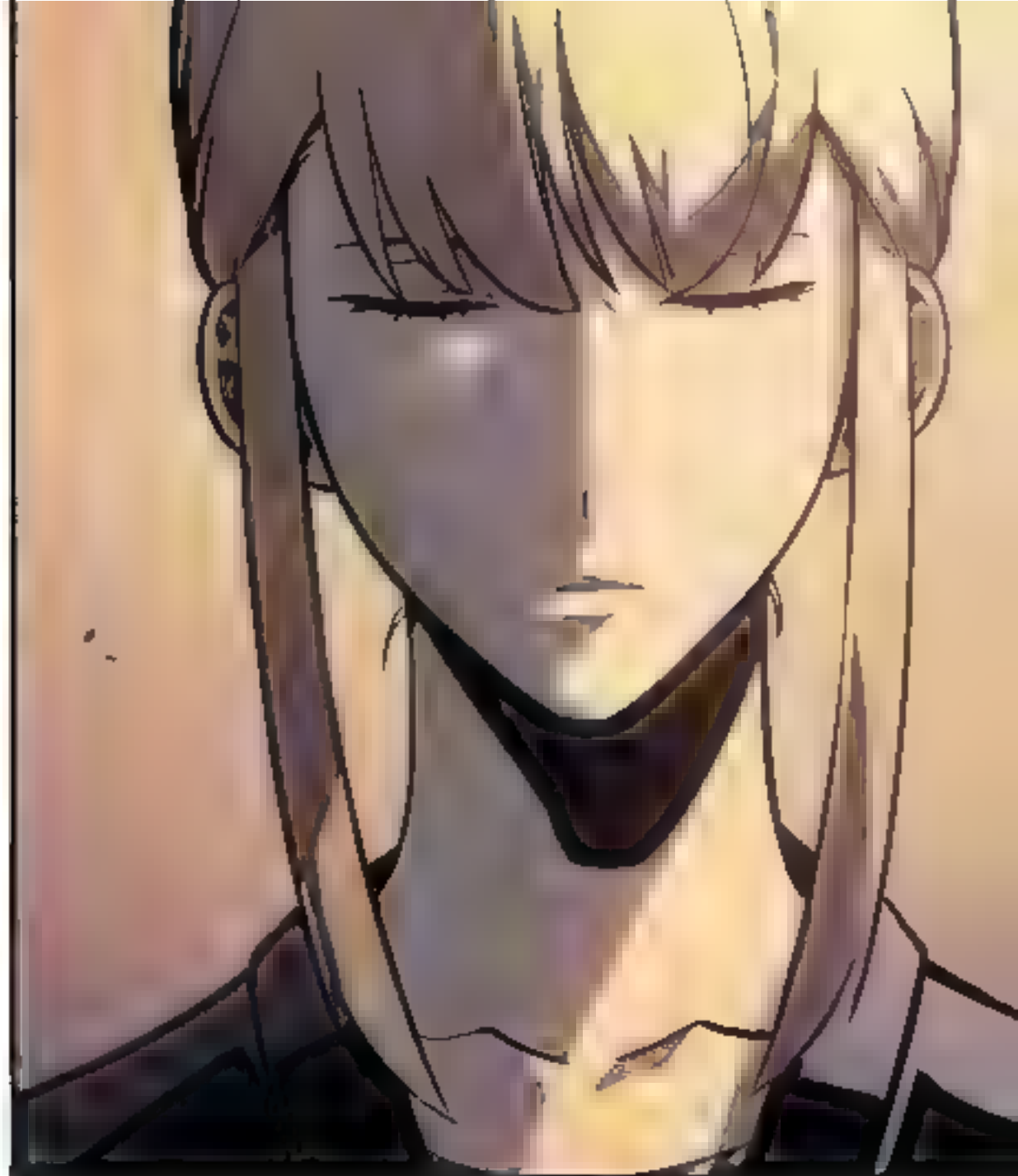
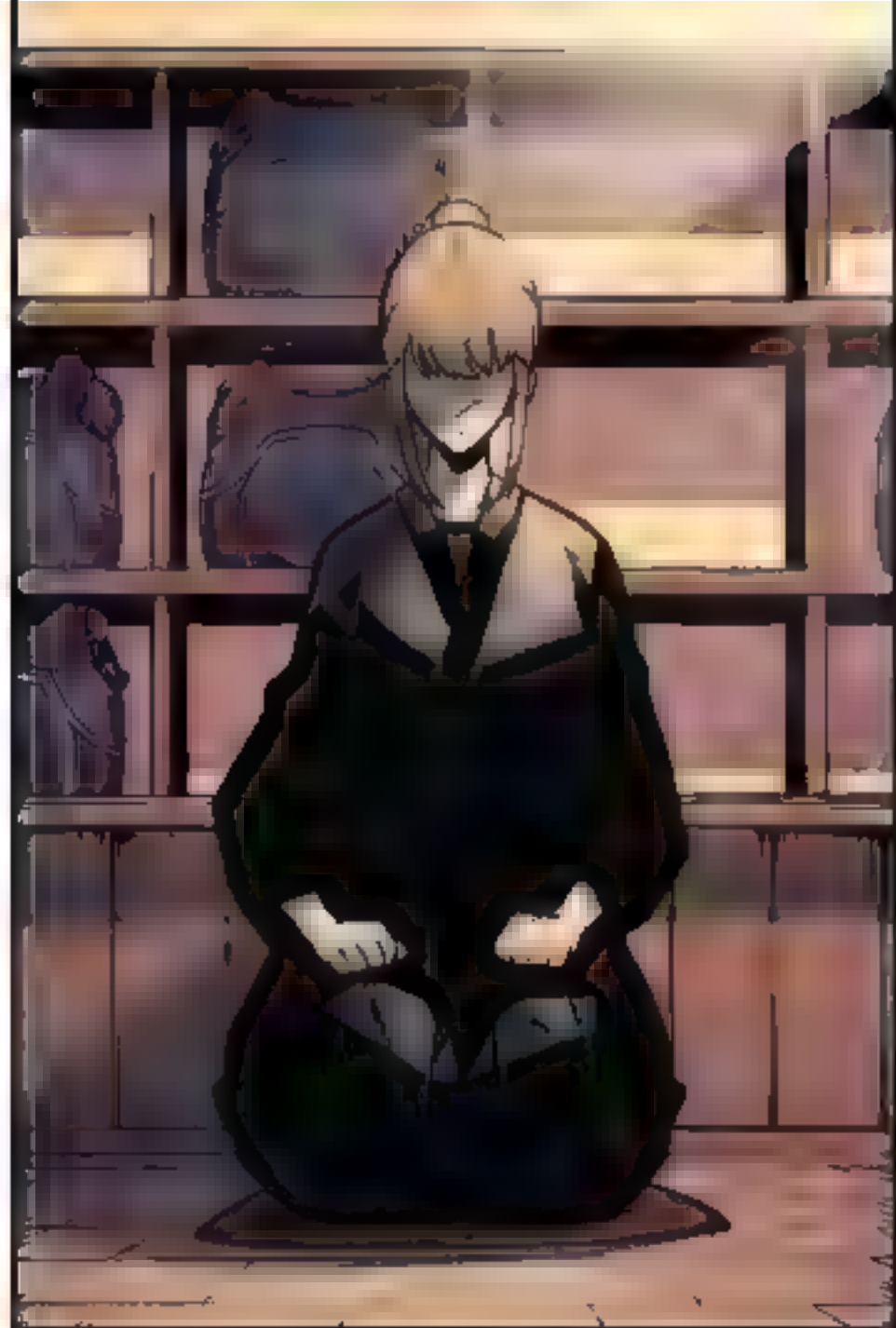
I'LL BE
DONE WITHIN
A DAY.

WHOOOSH



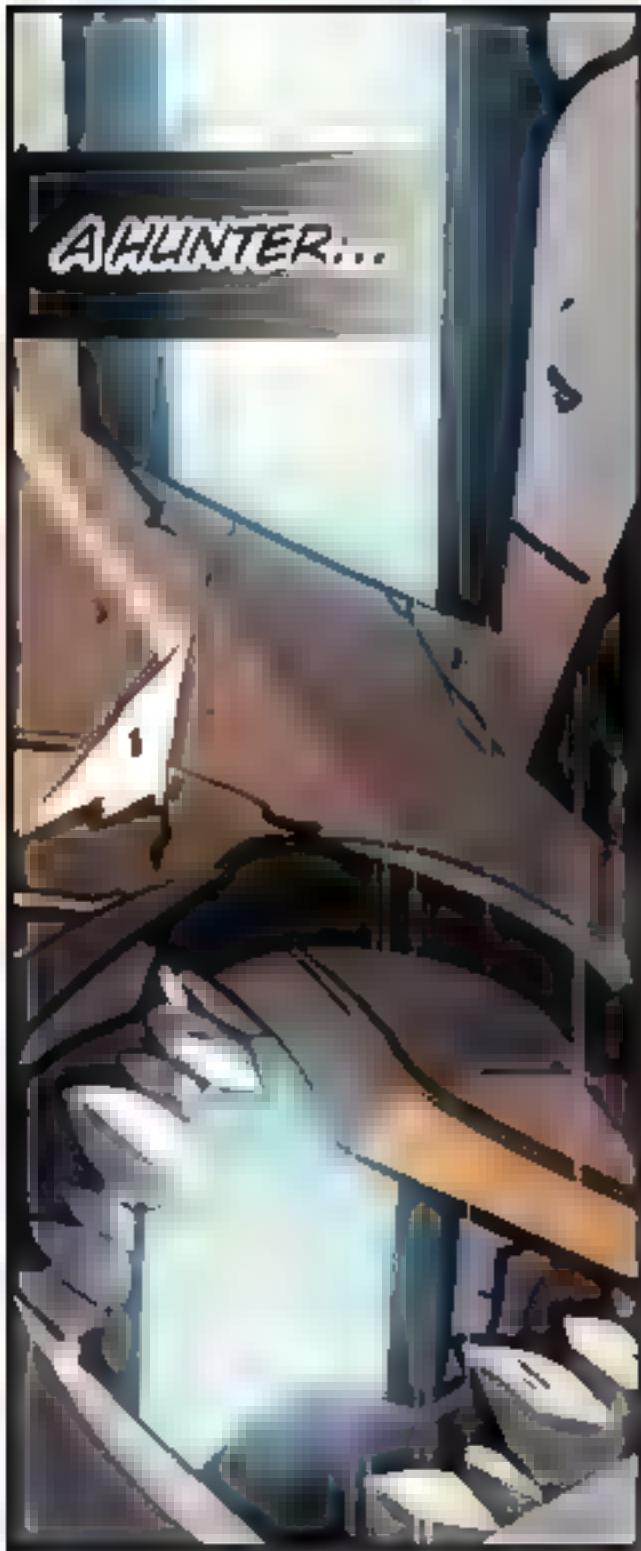


A HUNTER IS BORN TO HUNT.



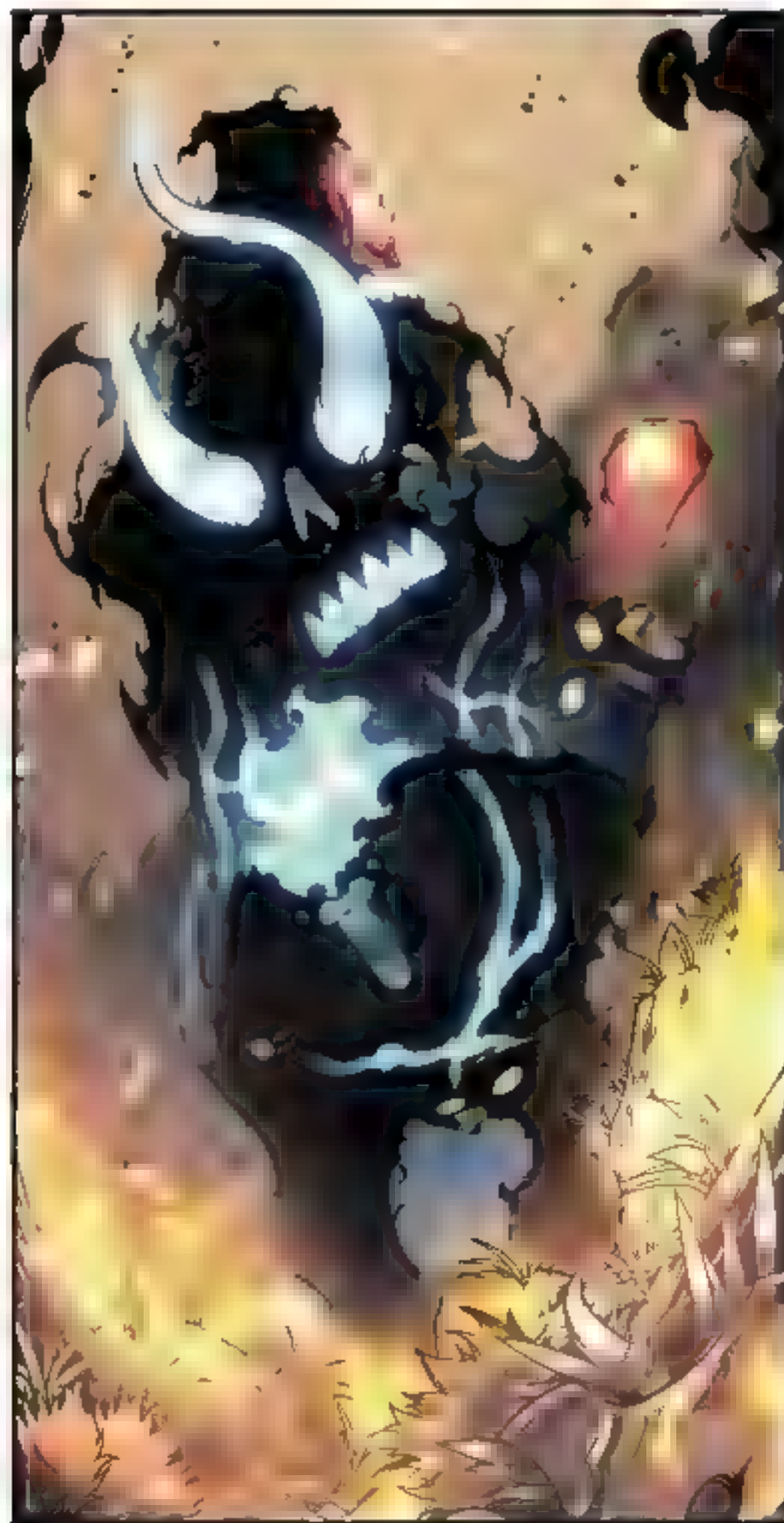
MAGIC BEASTS ARE NOT A HUNTER'S ONLY ENEMY.



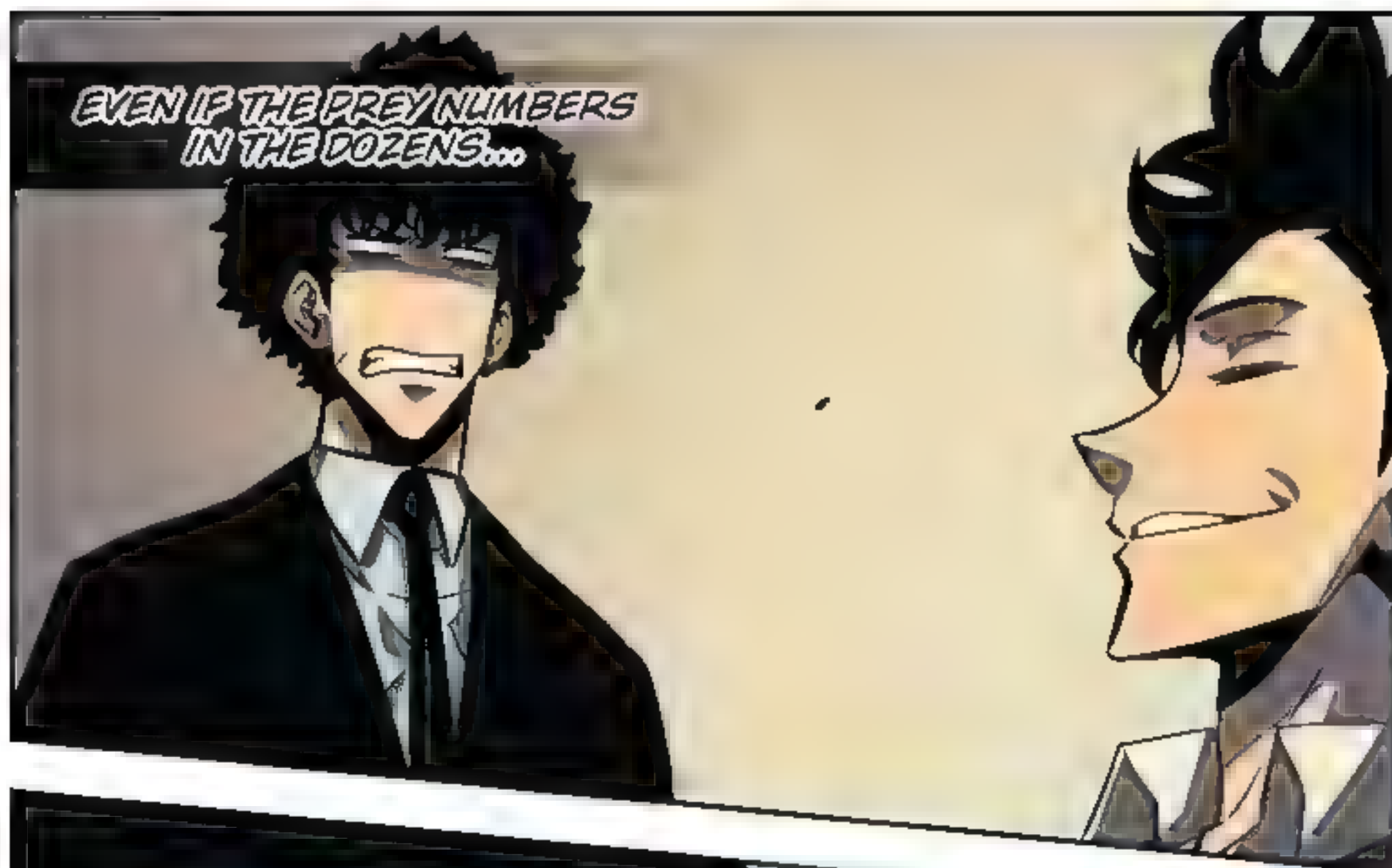




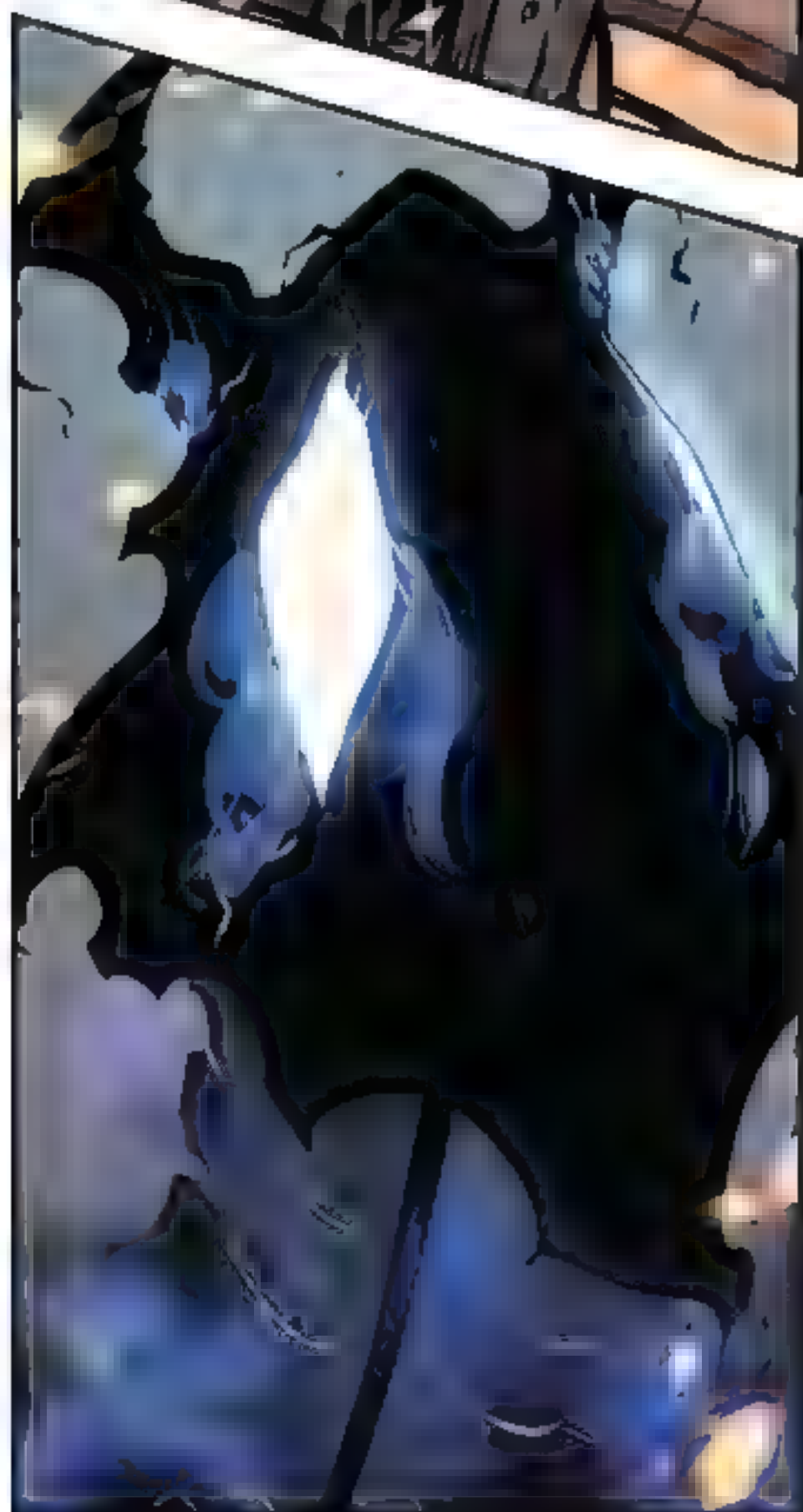
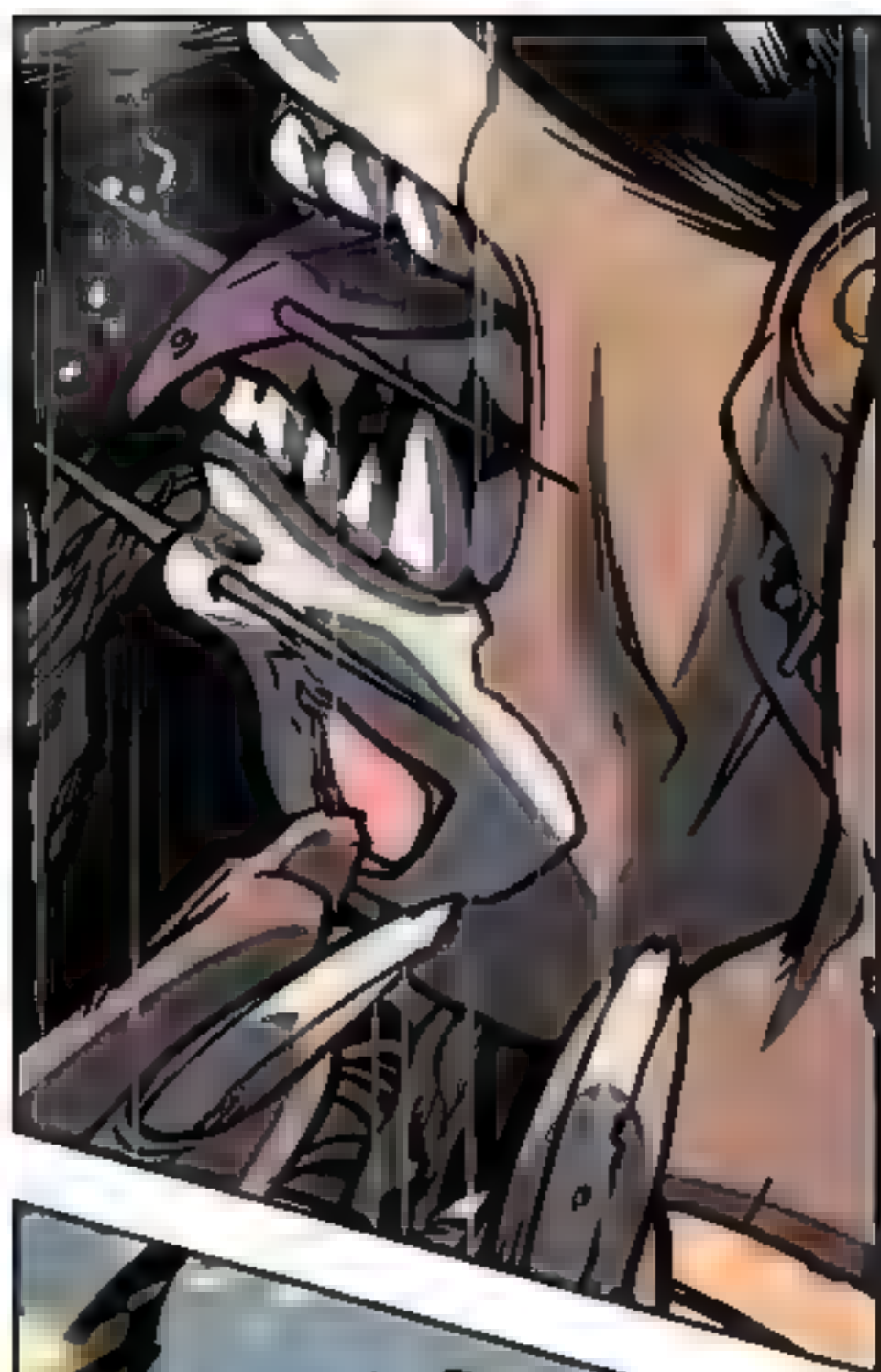
THE ROLES CAN REVERSE AT ANY TIME...

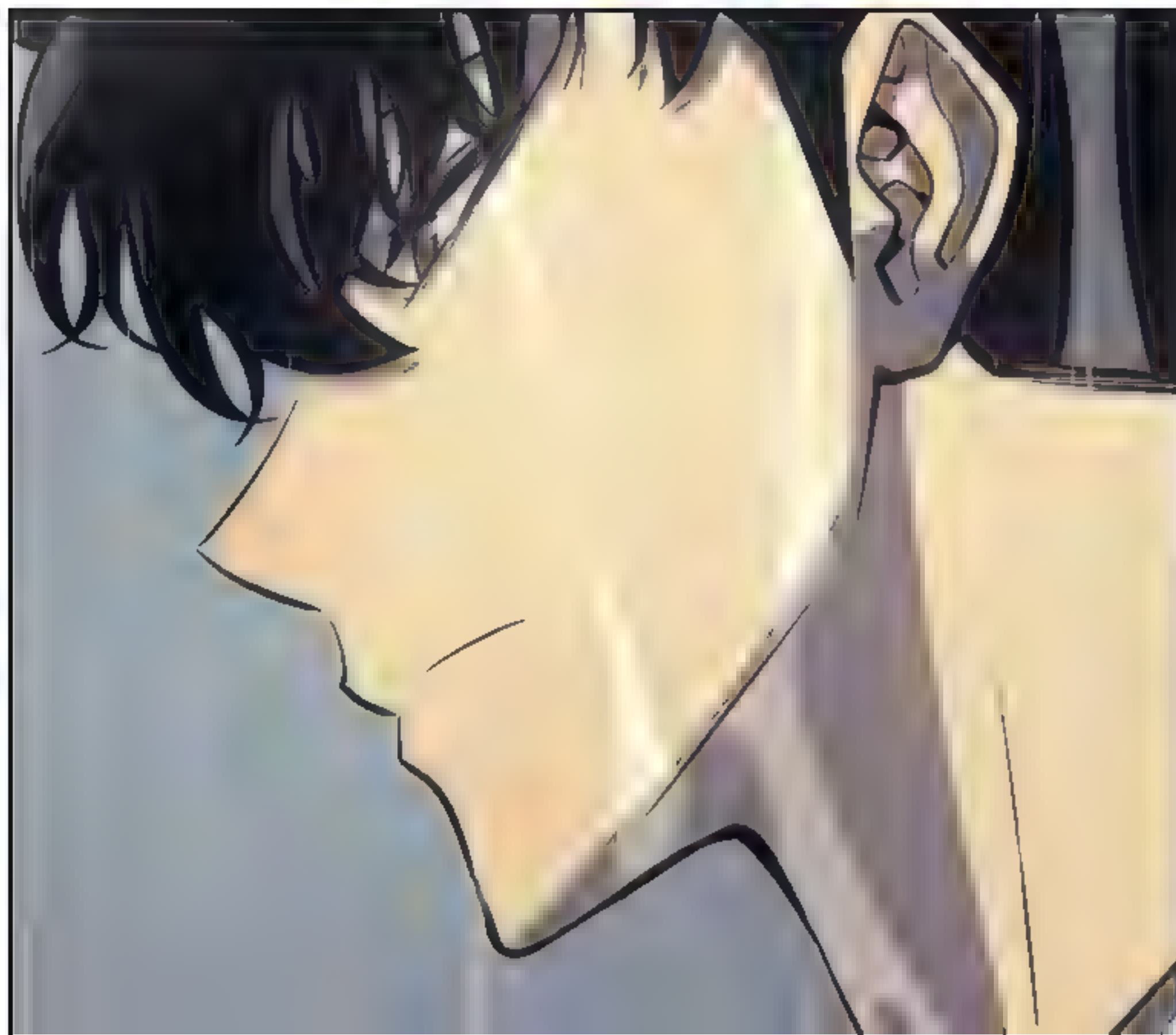


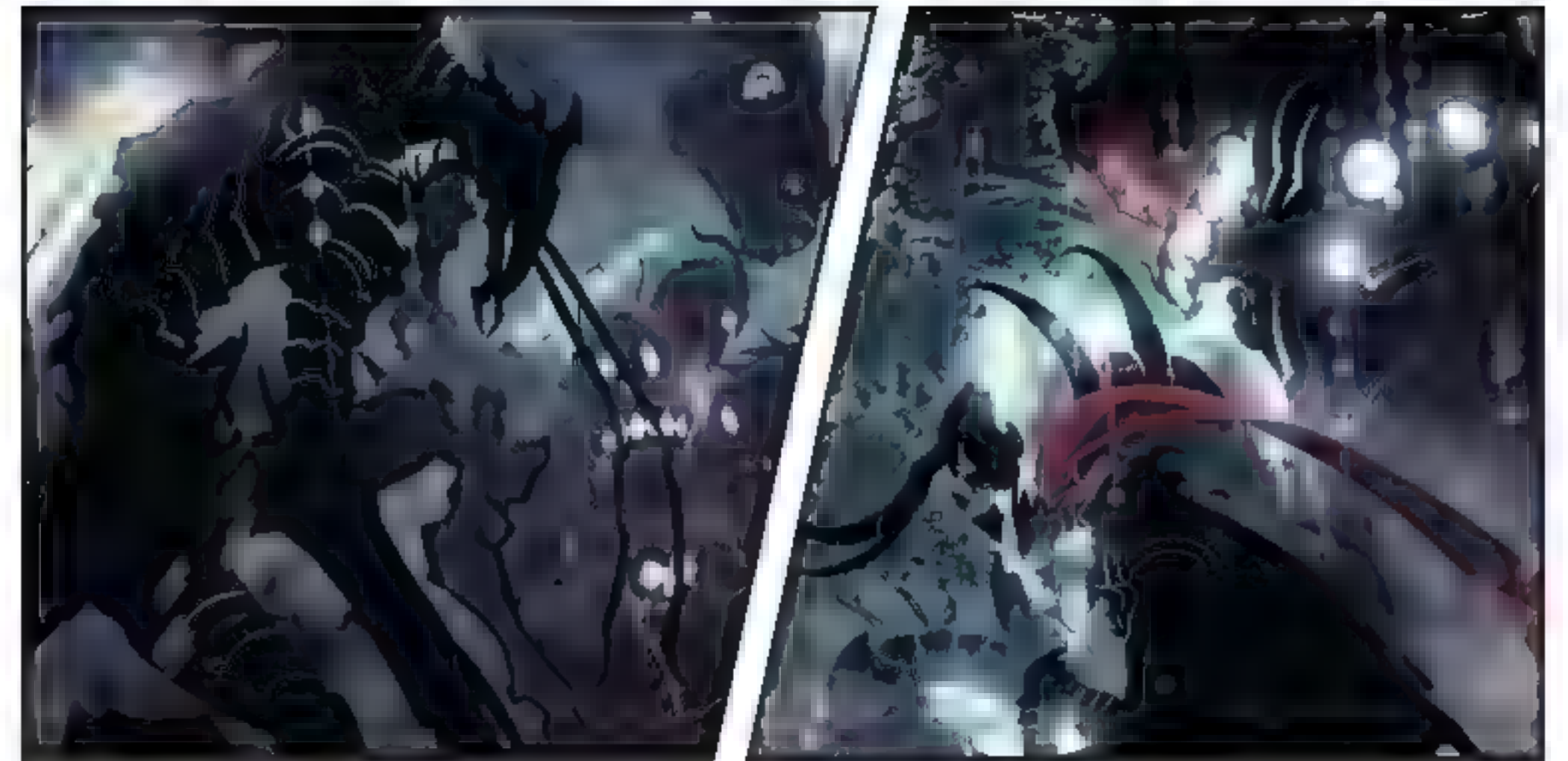
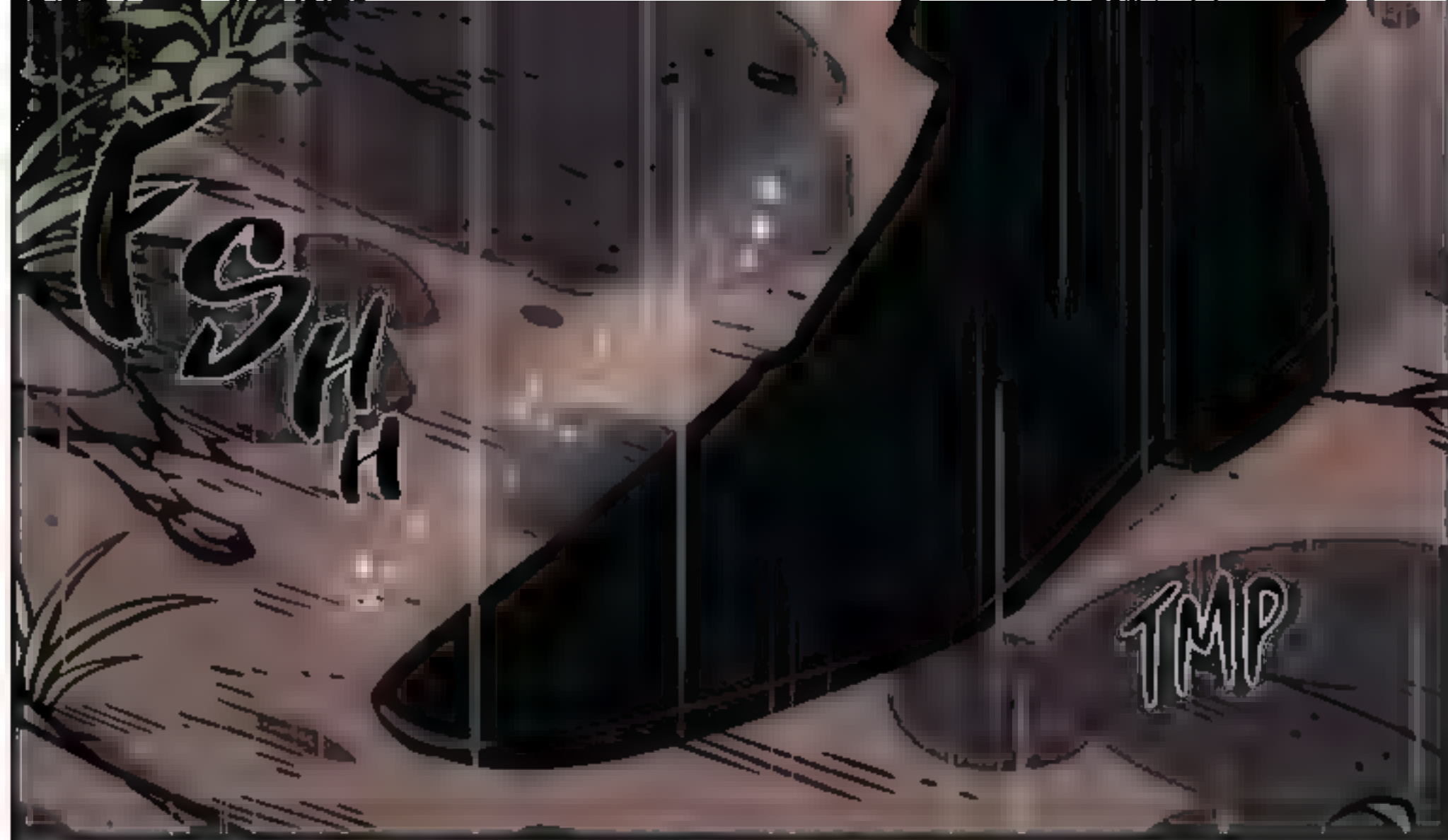
*...AND THE HIGHER YOUR RANK AS A HUNTER,
THE MORE CAUTIOUS YOU MUST BECOME.*



*...A HUNTER
CONTINUOUSLY
HUNTS.*





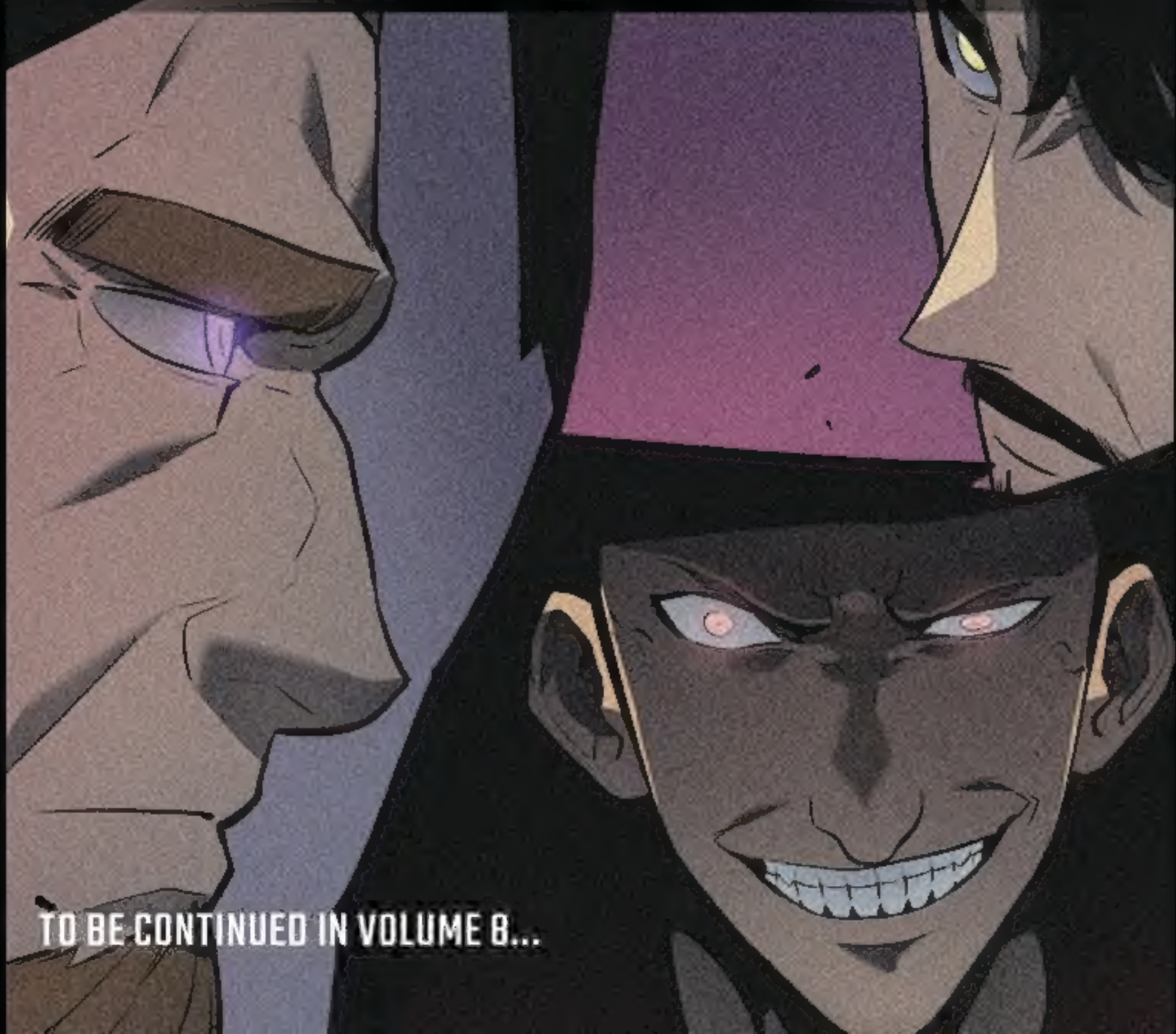




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MOVE ON TO
THE NEXT
TARGET.**



...WANTS TO STOP HUNTING.



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JINWOO GETS
EVEN CLOSER TO
THE DARKNESS!



THE FIRST TEST FOR
JINWOO'S GUILD?!



I'LL PICK AN
ESPECIALLY STRONG
ONE FOR YOU,
HUNTER CHA.



...FINE
BY ME.



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